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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE. WEEKS DAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.10	4.45
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.19	4.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	7.26	8.31	9.21	11.21	1.26	2.21	4.56
Taipei ...Dep.	7.10	7.35	8.40	9.30	11.30	1.35	2.30	5.05
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.50	9.40	11.40	1.45	2.40	5.15
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.30	7.55	9.00	9.50	11.50	1.55	2.50	5.25
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.41	8.06	9.11	10.01	12.01	1.06	2.01	5.36
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	—	—

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	9.10	11.09	11.37	9.48	4.41	5.49
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.28	8.15	9.20	11.19	11.47	9.58	4.51	5.59
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.39	8.26	9.31	11.30	11.58	10.09	5.02	6.10
Taipei ...Dep.	7.49	8.36	9.41	11.40	12.08	10.19	5.12	6.20
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.59	8.46	9.51	11.50	12.18	10.29	5.23	6.31
Shatin ...Dep.	8.09	8.56	10.01	12.00	12.28	10.39	5.34	6.42
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.19	9.06	10.11	12.10	12.38	10.49	5.45	6.53
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.04	10.09	12.08	12.37	10.57	5.56	7.04

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.								
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	7.26	8.31	9.21	11.21	1.26	2.21	4.56
Taipei ...Dep.	7.10	7.35	8.40	9.30	11.30	1.35	2.30	5.05
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.50	9.40	11.40	1.45	2.40	5.15
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WHAT WILL 1928 BE LIKE? THE VIEWS OF WELL-KNOWN EXPERTS. WEATHER, BUSINESS, THE CHURCH, POLITICS, SCIENCE.

A Home paper has been collecting the views of a number of well-known experts on the prospects in various branches of activity in 1928. Extracts from some of these opinions are recorded below:

THE WEATHER.
[BY ARTHUR MORRIS, WORLD-FAMOUS METEOROLOGIST, DIRECTOR OF THE BOURGES OBSERVATORY, FRANCE.]
It cannot be doubted that there is a relation between the state of activity on that great central globe, the sun, and the weather on the earth. What one needs to know is: What are the repercussions? The sun, in recent years, has passed through a crisis which will come to an end a few months from now. From 1928 on we shall see the number of cyclones, typhoons and even of shipwrecks, diminish. It is even probable that we shall record fewer destructive earthquakes. As the sun's furnace calms down our seasons will tend to become regular. This fact will be especially perceptible in 1931. The year 1928 will be a transition time between the two states. There will be fewer rainy days, probably less abundant precipitation, warmer summers, with more sunny days, a tendency to longer and more wintry winters. In short, there will be a gradual return to what one may call a normal regime.

BUSINESS.
[BY THE RT. HON. WILLIAM GRAHAM, LL.D., M.P., A FORMER FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY.]
In 1928 trade was injured by industrial depression; 1927 showed a marked improvement; 1928 should give a definite advance in aggregate volume. But the leading factors must be energetically analysed.
At home coal, iron, steel, shipbuilding, engineering, cotton and woolen textiles are still in depression. The central problem is one of production, chiefly with a view to effective appeal in overseas markets.
Determined effort in output, with the best that "nationalisation" involves, should give a solution from which the paralysis of wage conflict is absent. In these heavy industries the recovery may be slow; it should be encouraged in 1928 by the further restoration of European currency, mitigating the export advantages enjoyed by some of our competitors based on depreciated exchange.
The still greater expansion of the motor and kindred industries is probable; in this sphere the British market is still far from saturation point. Artificial silk and several of the quasi-luxury industries will continue to replace other effort. Aggregate British income is still impressive but, allowing for change in price level, savings are less than at pre-war standard. That fact calls for the more remunerative redirection of existing resources, in the interests of cheaper money.
Second, within the Empire, the British people should, in 1928, have fuller opportunity of dealing more effectively with the American capital penetration of Canada and Australia. Three American loans are followed by orders; only indirectly is there advantage to this country.
Broadly, 1928 should include progress in the heavy industries at home; a greater consolidation of inter-imperial trade, especially if linked more closely with British financial provision; and somewhat larger opportunities in foreign markets, especially within Europe. But everything, as always, is subject to the underlying condition of economic common-sense.

THE CHURCH.
[BY BISHOP H. RUSSELL WAKEFIELD, FORMERLY BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM.]
What will be the trend of Church affairs in 1928? It will be in the direction of a broad High Churchmanship.
The Parliamentary discussion on the Prayer-book has revealed an intense fervour on the part of the so-called Protestant section of the Church against advanced sacramentalism. But that the spiritual presence of Christ in the Holy Communion is a real one has not been disputed by the average Churchman. The use of the Reserved Sacrament for the sick and those unable to be present in church would appeal to those who know how impossible it is to have, in circumstances that the average urban incumbent well understands, the full communion service according to the use of the Order for the Sick.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.
Interport Golf Teams (Shanghai and Manila) leave on President Cleveland and President Madison. Interport Football Teams (Soccer and Rugby) due.
Oriental Art Exhibition, Chinese Y.M.C.A., 70-71, Bridges Street.
Extraordinary General Meeting Lane, Crawford's, Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club and XI v. H.K. S.R.A., King's Park, 4.45 p.m.
General Inspection of Police Reserve by the Hon. C.S.P., etc. Central Police Station, 5.15 p.m.
Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Sing-Song, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Dockyard Recreation Club Whist Drive and Dance, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Way Down East."
Star Theatre: "The Taxi Driver."
Principal Malls: Inward: U.S.A., etc. and Europe via Siberia (President Madison). Outward: Europe, via Marseilles, etc. (Angers), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Furness), 5 p.m.
Wednesday.
Oriental Art Exhibition, Chinese Y.M.C.A., 70-71, Bridges Street.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club v. Army (Sim Shield).
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Going Up."
Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."
Principal Malls: Inward: Europe via Suez (Macedonia).
Friday.
U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament Finals.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Navy v. R.A.F. (Sim Shield); University v. Club "A" (Pokfulam), 5.15 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."
World Theatre: "Bluebird's Eighth Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."
Principal Malls: Outward: Europe via Siberia (Macedonia), 8.30 a.m.
Saturday.
Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament. Entries close.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.
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FORTNIGHTLY PRICE CUR-
RENT AND MARKET
REPORT.

BY HONG-KONG GENERAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The fortnightly price current and market report, published by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, dealing with imports, contains some interesting information, and states:—

COTTON PICKS GOODS AND FANCY COTTON GOODS.—Before the China New Year holidays business was checked by a drop in exchange. Clearances improved slightly. As to the latter part of the period there is nothing to report, the market being practically closed for the holidays. The latest quotations are those of the 31st inst. Eg. Sakel, 17.25d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.35d.

Another report states:—Most Chinese dealers made money during 1927, but the margin of profit in most cases was small. In one or two instances dealers sustained heavy losses. From the importers' point of view things have been much better than in 1925 and 1926, although by no means back to normal. Clearances have been satisfactory and stocks in godown by no means excessive. A fair volume of business has been booked during the year. Firms importing Continental woollens find themselves holding excessive stocks, owing to specially troubled conditions in Canton towards the end of the year and the continuance of unseasonable weather.

COTTON YARN.—There is nothing fresh to report, the market remaining dull and lifeless.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s at \$170 to \$185, No. 12s at \$175 to \$185, No. 10s at \$185 to \$190, No. 20s at \$195 to \$200, Arrivals nil, shipments nil, sales nil, unsold stock 3,600 bales, bargains 9,000 bales.

WOOLLENS.—No change in prices since last report. No sales of any note.

RAW COTTONS.—Nothing doing. **METALS.**—Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, the period under review was allowed to pass without any attempt at business on the part of the dealers. Prices are purely nominal.

FLUOR MARKET REPORT.—Stock: American, 600,000 bags; Canadian, 100,000 bags; Australian, 90,000 bags. Market slow. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.25 per sack; American Straight, \$2.90 to \$3.15 per sack; American Cut off, \$3 to \$3.25 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.40 to \$3.45 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$2.90 to \$3 per sack; Canadian Straight, \$2.90 to \$2.95 per sack; Canadian Mixture, \$2.85 per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$2.75 per sack.

SUGAR.—Market steady. **SALT PETRE.**—Stocks, 12,000 bags. Market not yet opened and nothing to report.

PUSHING BRITISH GOODS ABROAD.

A FLOATING EXHIBITION.

Preparations are now being made by a number of commercial men to send a ship to Latin America and parts on the way there for the purpose of exhibiting, advertising, and selling British goods. Already firms in Glasgow, Belfast, and Liverpool have agreed to take space on the steamer, which has been christened *British Industry*, and the ship will start for her 16 weeks' cruise in February from Liverpool. The complement of *British Industry* expressed in terms of her business will be about 150 areas of 216 square feet each of display space, or the equivalent, together with her appropriate staffs and a management staff which will include six interpreters, six demonstrators, two sign-writers, and six typists. The ship will not only offer space for the display of goods, but also for showcases unattended by representatives of firms, and panels of advertising matter. The panels will be under the care of the sign-writers and the showcases will be kept in order by the demonstrators, so that if any differentiation as to be made between ports it can be done as the advertiser wishes.

The ports which the ship is to visit are Georgetown, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Rosario, Las Palmas, and Madeira. It is proposed to spend ten days at Buenos Ayres and four days at each of the other ports. Altogether 52 days are to be spent in port. The charge made for 28 square feet of display space and saloon accommodation for one representative of a firm is to be £2.00 for the whole trip; for a panel six feet by four feet, £25; for a showcase, £50. The stands will be built by shipwrights at additional cost, and matters of customs dues will have to be settled by exhibitors. The ship is announced to be of British register, of 15,000 tons measurement, and will be commanded by a captain well-known in Liverpool as an officer of one of the South American lines.

\$1,000,000 PROFIT.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The 39th report of the Board of Directors of the above Company to the general meeting of shareholders which is to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 12.30 p.m., on February 9th, states:—

The Net Profits for the year, after providing for all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$1,005,237.06 which, with the amount brought forward from last year, \$895,991.83, gives an amount available for division of \$1,901,228.89.

From this amount an interim dividend of \$2 per share on 240,000 shares (\$480,000), has already been paid leaving a balance of \$1,421,228.89 available for appropriation which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$2 per share, \$480,000; To pay a Bonus to Staff, \$8,000; To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account, \$893,219.43; Total, \$1,421,228.89.

Directors and Auditors.

Mr. J. E. Joseph has been invited to join the Board of Directors, and this appointment will require confirmation. Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, who now retire and offer themselves for re-election.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

LAST YEAR'S PROFIT \$63,500.

The General Managers (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.) of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, will present the following report at the twenty-third ordinary annual meeting which is to be held at the Company's office on Tuesday, February 7th, at 11 a.m.:—

The profit for the year, after writing off depreciation and including balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$63,503.34 which the Consulting Committee recommend applying as follows:—

Transfer to Insurance Fund, \$5,000; Transfer to Special Repairs Account, \$10,000; To pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,733 shares which will absorb \$34,666.25; To pay a bonus of 25 cents, \$6,937.75; Carry forward to 1928, \$6,918.74; Total, \$63,503.34.

Since the last meeting the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford have resigned and Messrs. C. S. Mackie and C. de B. have been invited to join the Consulting Committee. The accounts under review have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis, chartered accountants, who retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

MARK TWAIN'S "TEN BEST."

PRIZE-WINNING PITHY
QUOTATIONS.

New York.

The ten most pithy quotations collected from the works of Mark Twain were announced by the Mark Twain Association on the eve of the great humorist's birthday. A committee of judges announced that Miss Vida B. Stallwood has won a nation-wide contest with her ten selected quotations from Twain's works. Miss Stallwood's selections follow:—

"Often it seems such a pity that Noah and his party did not miss the boat."—*Christian Science*.

"Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

"Puddin' Head 'n' the Hon."

"To be good is nobler and no trouble."—*Following the Equator*.

"Man is the only animal that blushes or needs to."

"Following the Equator."

"True irreverence is disrespect for another man's God."—*Following the Equator*.

"Arguments have no chance against petrified training; they wear it as little as waves wear a cliff."

"A Connecticut Yankee."

"Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul."

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"Sketches New and Old."

"If you are with the quality, or at a funeral, or trying to sleep when you ain't sleepy—if you are anywhere where you will, itch you to scratch, why you will, itch all over in upward of a thousand places."—*Huckleberry Finn*.

"Whenever the literary German dives into a sentence, that is the last you are going to see of him till he emerges on the other side of the Atlantic with his teeth on his mouth."—*A Connecticut Yankee*.

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ALLOCATION OF LAST YEAR'S
RECEIPTS.

£950 SENT HOME.

Mrs. T. H. King, the Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League, informs us that at a Committee meeting held on January 19th an allocation was made of funds, received during 1927. The allocation included \$285.51 from the Quarry Bay Branch which had not previously been received and acknowledged in the Press, and also a cheque of \$1,500, from St. Stephen's Girls College, as a donation from their sale of work.

The annual general meeting of the League will take place at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 23rd, at 11 a.m.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

Details of the allocation of funds for 1927 are as follow:—

Local Charities.

The Italian Convent \$ 300

The Netherlands Hospital 1,000

The L.M.S. Ying Wa Girls' School 200

The Hong Kong Benevolent Society 750

The Blind Home, Kowloon City 500

St. St. Joseph's Home (Aged Poor) 300

The Street Boy's Club 500

The C.M.S., Victoria Home and Orphanage 1,000

The C.M.S., Village School Fund 1,000

The C.M.S., Vernacular Day Schools 1,000

The Protestant Almshouses 300

The General Charities Organisation 500

The Hong Kong and South China Masonic Benevolent Fund Corporation 950

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FRENZIED MAN IN THE DOCK.

TRIES TO STOP H.L. SISTER'S EVIDENCE.

There was a painful scene at Thames Police Court, when William Frederick Rust, aged 44, a labourer, was charged with murdering his father and two young brothers at Elm-street, Stepney, E., by cutting their throats.

Rust wept during the first part of the proceedings, but as soon as Miss Nannah Rust entered the witness-box he shouted, "I don't want my sister in there," several times, and tried to climb over the front of the dock.

Several police officers held him until he calmed himself.

The girl, crying, put out her hands in his direction and repeated, "Oh, Billy boy." Eventually Rust was quietened and sat down sobbing.

Miss Rust said her parents had been quarrelling for some time. Her father was always accusing her mother of going out with other men. She had spoken to her brother about it, and he had said he was "absolutely fed up."

When a razor and knife were handed up to Miss Rust to identify Rust she shouted: "There's no need to show her that, is there? She has suffered enough," and pulled herself almost over the dock rail. He was held by policemen, and shouted again and again, "Let go, don't show her them."

At length he collapsed and sobbed violently, and the razor was shown to Miss Rust when he was not looking. She identified it as belonging to her father.

Rust sat perfectly quiet for some time, but when the name of William Frankham was called he kept up a number of policemen hold him, but he kicked and fought in a frenzied way, shouting repeatedly, "Let me go."

Mr. Sharpe, the magistrate, asked Frankham to leave the Court, and Rust then collapsed once more. When he recovered he started up, but was told, "He's gone."

After this he gave no further trouble, and was eventually committed for trial.

As he left the court a number of people called out, "Cheer up, boy," and several women wept.

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RECORD YEAR FOR
PUBLISHERS.

Works on religion come next in order of quantity to fiction and juvenile books in the list of books published in 1927 issued by "The Publishers' Circular and Book-sellers' Record."

The list shows 1927 to have been a record year for publishers; 13,810 books were printed, a greater number than in any previous year. Of these, 3,476 were new editions and 8,846 new books.

The demand for fiction has been on the increase in recent years, and in 1927 the total of 3,368 novels was nearly a quarter of the whole output. The juvenile section comes next with 1,365, and then religion with 1,000.

The publishers' spring and autumn "seasons," when most of the year's books were brought out, have now almost vanished, and a general level of production was maintained throughout the year, with an extra spurt in September, October and November.

It would be a fine thing for the victims of these potential murderers to give them some of their own medicine. I'm of the opinion a cat-o-nine-tails would be worth a pound of cure. I'll have one here henceforth, and any woman who wishes may use it.

CHICAGO WOMEN USE THE
"CAT."

TO BEAT THEIR BAG-SNATCHERS.

Among the lesser crimes of Chicago are frequent assaults on women, who are robbed of their handbags and often maltreated.

The police have invented a novel punishment for the criminals—the cat-o-nine-tails, wielded by the women victims.

Some time ago the police organized a weekly round-up of all suspects. Identified offenders are convicted, but some women began taking the law into their own hands by administering slaps on the face to their assailants.

When a woman the other day asked to be allowed to strike a man who had ill-used her, the chief of detectives, Mr. William O'Connor, offered her the cat-o-nine-tails. He said:

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

STATEMENT OF POLICY BY THE DEAN OF
HONG KONG.

SUBSCRIBERS' MEETING AND PEW RENTS.

PRINCIPLE OF ALL-FREE SEATS
AGREED UPON.

The annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon with the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D. (Bishop of Victoria) in the chair. A recommendation that the principle of the abolition of pew rents be approved was discussed and generally supported, a resolution being passed to the effect that the Cathedral Ordinance and Regulations be referred to the Church Body with a view to amendment.

The most interesting feature of the meeting was a statement by the Dean, the Very Rev. Alfred Swann, D.S.C., M.A., in which he reviewed the line of policy he hoped to adopt with regard to the Cathedral services and Church work generally. The Dean hopes to see an increase in the number of communicants, a larger choir and a more definite policy as regards religious education for children. The abolition of pew rents received his whole-hearted support.

WHAT THE DEAN AIMS TO
ACCOMPLISH.

In addressing the meeting, the Dean said:—

It is too early for me to be in a position to give details of my policy in regard to the work here. I propose only to give you a general outline of the points which are in my mind. I shall need more time for observations of the conditions, difficulties, and needs of the people. I am exceedingly fortunate to have found here a helper so effective as Mr. Cannell has proved himself to be. He has been of the greatest use in introducing me to the work. I am only sorry that I am to lose his help so soon. He has to leave us on February 11th. I am sure you will want me to thank him for all that he has done during the year or so he has been here. We can assure him of our very best wishes as he goes off to reconnoitre his old work up in the Interior.

A Centre Of Worship.

I am anxious to do all I can to make the Cathedral a strong centre of worship. It is my opinion that no effort should be spared to make the Cathedral Services as beautiful and as dignified as possible. I am sure that people to a quite large extent have their ideas of God coloured by dignity and richness, or weakness and poverty of the Services which they attend. Nothing should be too beautiful for the House of God.

The Choir.

The arrangement of Services should be orderly and stately without being stiff and formal; and the music should be as good as we know how to make it. And in this matter we must not be content only with what we have been accustomed to. There is good and bad music and being accustomed to the bad does not make it good. I do not in the least infer that our music here is bad. As a matter of fact it has been a great satisfaction to me to find here an organist and choir-master as good as Mr. Mason. I think we are fortunate to have him. Mr. Mason has already clearly given me to understand that he is most willing to co-operate with me in every way to develop the music of the Cathedral. Our choir as it stands at present is of a good kind, it is not large enough adequately to lead the large congregations which one hopes may become still larger. A big building like the Cathedral needs a choir which can give a strong lead without being always at full blast. Our present choir is forced to strain its voices, this is bad both for their voices and the music generally. I give them credit for what they are able to achieve, and I hope that before long we may get more men and boys in, and so save their vocal chords.

Attendance At Holy Communion.

To turn to another subject. As many have already heard me say I am worried about the small attendance at Holy Communion. This is without question the main service of the Christian Church. It has been so from the beginning, and wherever the Church has allowed it to fall from its true place in its scheme of worship, the life of the Church has been weak. The position of this service in people's minds determines the spiritual level of their public worship.

Breakfast In Cathedral Hall.

I know that in Hong Kong distances to be covered are great—no one knows it better than I do—Sacrifices have undoubtedly to be made in order to come to Holy Communion. But those sacrifices are worth while, I know. However, I propose to try to make it easier for people to come by arranging breakfast every Sunday in the Cathedral Hall if people will make use of it. I intend to give up the first Sunday in Lent. I should be glad to hear of the opinions of communicants on this subject.

The Congregation at Matins is quite encouraging and it is very good indeed to see the large crowd of men at Evensong. That men will come quite voluntarily like that does indicate a desire for the things of God, which gives one a hope of being able to supply those men with food to help them along. The religious education of children in this place is a problem. Our present system of alternate Sunday School and Children's Service is unquestionably ineffective. There is no consecutive teaching. Either one or the other regularly would be better. I am afraid I must wait a little before dealing with this matter, but I have it in mind and I should be glad of the advice of both parents and Sunday School teachers. I regard my chance at the Penk School as a great opportunity. It is by the kindness of the Headmistress, Mrs. Stark, that I am allowed to go there.

A House Of Prayer.

I should like to see the Cathedral become more really a House of Prayer. I wish it were more used in the work. I think that there is a noticeable atmosphere about a church which is much used for prayer. Regular daily services might be a considerable source of strength, by being opportunities for regular intercession. At present I do not see how we can have daily Evensong. It will be possible when we get two assistant chaplains.

While I am on that subject may I remind you that the Rev. H. V. Koop and his wife are due to arrive in the Colony on Friday next, February 3rd. I hope that you will make them welcome in the same way as you have done myself and Mrs. Swann. Mr. Koop is from Lancaster, so there may be some healthy rivalry between the Red and White roses.

The Church Council.

Now a word about the Cathedral as a centre of fellowship. Here we come to parts of the agenda for this meeting. Among other things we are to elect a Church Council. I am quite of opinion that it is wise to have in existence such a body. It is inevitable, I think, that the functions of the Church Council should not be capable of precise definition, but that should not imply that its functions must be unimportant. I think that it will completely justify its existence if it regards itself as a Watch Committee with its eyes open in every direction to detect new needs and new avenues of development.

If it is composed of men and women representing various departments of Church work and various sections of the life of the Colony, it should be most useful in advising the clergy on many points, and in making recommendations to the Church Body. I hope, for instance, that the new Church Council, at its first meeting, may consider such matters as the need of newly arrived British girls of small means for some organisations to befriended them, and how best we can rapidly get in touch with new comers and stretch out a friendly hand to them. I hope that a very strong and representative council will be elected.

Pew Rents.

Another important matter in the agenda is the recommended abolition of Pew Rents. I want to say at once that I am entirely in favour of this step being taken. I think that it is true to say that there is nothing which does more harm to the spirit of warm welcome and Christian good fellowship than the right of individuals to certain seats in Church. Good fellowship cannot exist where there is any exclusiveness and, no matter how much good-hearted people try to avoid it, there is bound to be exclusiveness where there are pew rents. Of course, I dislike the emphasis on seats which is involved. A friend of mine used always to print on the cover of his Parish Magazine "All Kneelings in the Church are free." I hope very much that you will decide this evening to approve the recommendations of the Church Body—that the principle of the abolition of pew rents be adopted.

Rewording Of Cathedral Ordinance Necessary.

If that principle is approved there will necessarily follow some rewording of the Cathedral Ordinance and Cathedral Regulations. This would be the work of the Church Body primarily who would then refer their conclusions to another general meeting. After which the sanction of the Colonial Office would be required. The annual meeting would no longer be a meeting of the seat-holders and subscribers, and it would be necessary to decide who should constitute that meeting. For my part I should like to see in existence an Electoral Roll somewhat similar to those which came into operation at home under the Enabling Act. I think that our present financial qualification is not a good one. It tends to narrow the interest taken in the Church's affairs and again to foster some exclusiveness. The new Church Body will go into this matter quite soon, if as I hope their recommendation to-night is approved.

Sidesmen.

In conclusion, may I ask you once more for your support in our work here. I am very anxious for it to develop and become more effective. Its peculiar difficulties are many and great. I badly need your sympathetic interest and don't forget to pray often for your clergy.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

DEFICIT ON THE YEAR'S FINANCES.

At the opening of the meeting before proposing the adoption of the accounts for 1927 explanations of various items were given by Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Honorary Treasurer). The outstanding feature, he said, was the excess of expenditure over income which left a deficit of \$3,160.91 as compared with a surplus in 1926 of \$11,061.88. The difference was largely accounted for by the decrease in interest received on investments and heavy payments for passages. The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded the proposal that the accounts be adopted and this was carried.

A proposal for the appointment of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors was brought forward and approved.

Proposed Abolition Of Pew Rents.

In the discussion which took place on the abolition of pew rents, Colonel Hayley Bell spoke against the proposal, pointing out that there were many seat-holders who were not in favour of the step but would not come to the meeting and say so. He thought that something should be done to voice the opinion of the seat-holders among whom there were many ladies.

The Very Rev. Alfred Swann said that such charges have been abolished in a number of Cathedrals at home and the result has been that subscriptions have increased very considerably. The sense that a person attending Church is in somebody else's pew, said the Dean, disturbs one's peace of mind. Mr. T. H. King and other speakers were also in favour of abolition.

After the discussion the proposal that the principle of the abolition of pew rents be approved and that the consideration of the various points of the Ordinance and Regulations raised should be referred to the Church Body was put before the meeting and carried. Colonel Hayley Bell being the only dissenter.

The Church Body.

Two new lay members, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth and Mr. W. L. Patten, were appointed to the Church Body in place of Mr. T. H. King, who is shortly proceeding on leave and Mr. T. G. Weall.

The Church Body now consists of The Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D., the Dean, Very Rev. Alfred Swann, D.S.C., M.A., the Assistant Chaplain, the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., and the following lay members: Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, Mr. W. L. Patten, Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. Blaker (Hon. Secretary), Organist: Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.

The following were appointed to the Church Council: Lady Pollock, Mrs. H. T. Cressy, Miss Atkins, Mrs. F. Hayley Bell, Miss B. Pope, Miss Mow Fung, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. E. G. Stewart, Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., Mr. G. S. Zimmerman, Mr. B. Randall, Mr. A. Cheung, Mr. L. A. R. Duncan, Mr. F. Mason, Mr. A. Hopper and Mr. T. W. Ainsworth.

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LITIGATION CAUSED BY
ABSENCE OF WRITTEN
AGREEMENTS.

Judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday in the Yaumati building case which was recently argued at very great length. Plaintiff was awarded 10,000 dollars, \$3,000 on the claim regarding Shanghai plastering and \$7,000 on a contract. On the counter claim \$1,745.11 was awarded on account of defective work, and also amounts to be settled by expert opinion with regard to items for doors and for Cokebreeze cement on the roofs.

The Sang Loong building contractors 14 Man Lam Street, Yaumati, who were plaintiffs, sued Lui Sui Ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, for \$26,157.20, of which \$7,000 was the balance due under two contracts for the erection of 15 houses on Kowloon Island Lot 1301. The remainder of the claim was for \$19,157.40, alleged to be due for extras. There was also a third contract dated January 10th, 1924.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the plaintiffs and the defence was conducted by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C.

The Chief Justice's decision stated that the defendant represented a syndicate in the building of the houses, consisting of himself and three others. He had admitted that the houses were erected and a permit for occupation granted by the Building Authority on May 26th, 1925; that the sum of \$323,000 had been received by the plaintiffs and that, but for a counter-claim for certain omitted and defective works, the sum of \$10,000 would be due and payable. He admitted, however, the claim for extras, \$19,157.40, except as regarded \$9,999 for Shanghai plastering, which was included in the \$10,000 which was admitted.

Referring to the first contract, which provided for the erection of the houses in accordance with plans prepared by Mr. Raven, of Messrs. Raven and Basto, his Lordship said the price was \$323,000 payable by instalments, and stated "in case of any alterations to plans, etc., and additional works to be done, they are not included in the contract price." This contract also expressly provided that electric pumps, baths, lavatories and fittings were to be supplied by the defendant but were to be properly fixed by the plaintiffs.

It was obvious from the evidence that that contract did not contain the whole agreement between the parties. It was to be regretted that, in a transaction involving such a large sum as \$323,000, the usual detailed specification was not prepared by a competent person. If that prudent and ordinary course had been followed, it was almost certain that expensive and prolonged litigation would have been avoided.

By the second contract, it was agreed that the "sanitary appliances in the water closets, motors, washing basins, baths and such like materials" which, according to contract No. 1 were to be supplied by the defendant, were to be provided by the plaintiff at the price of \$10,000, the contract price for the erection of the houses thus being increased to the sum of \$333,000.

Contract No. 3 required, in effect, that before any compensation for any extra work could be claimed or an omission justified, the matter must be discussed and agreed between the parties; any agreement come to must be reduced into writing and signed by them. Provision was also made allowing the defendant to employ another contractor to do work which was omitted or not satisfactorily carried out.

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HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1927.

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 80 cents per share payable after the date of the forthcoming ordinary yearly general meeting of the Company which will be announced in due course. This makes a total dividend of \$1.40 per share for the year and, subject to audit, leaves to be carried forward in the accounts a sum of \$232,846.04.

PEKING THE BEAUTIFUL.

We have received from the local branch of the Commercial Press, Ltd., Shanghai, a "sample book" of specimen pages from their new publication "Peking the Beautiful." The three colour reproductions, especially that on the cover, are most fascinating pieces of work and give a vivid idea of China's capital and its environs. The photographs are equally good and a well written and finally printed account is given of each illustration. Copies of the sample book can be obtained at a price of \$2—it is just the thing to whet the appetite for the complete work, and "be blown to the expense."

out by the plaintiff, and to deduct any expenses incurred by the defendant in consequence from the contract price.

The most important objection to the claim raised by the defence was the inability of the plaintiff to produce any written agreement signed by the parties for extra work as required under the third contract. Unfortunately, neither party had called any witness directly supporting his version, and this was in large measure, a case of word against word. It therefore became necessary for him to examine the evidence with a view to testing the claims of counsel on behalf of their respective clients.

Defendant's Story Accepted.

After reviewing the evidence His Lordship said he had come to the conclusion that he must accept the story of the defendant with respect to the crucial question of the estimates and find specifically that they, with the exception of that for the Shanghai plastering, were never presented to him, and that he never agreed to the price or sanctioned the work referred to in them. The result was that the only part of the case which the plaintiff had made out to his Lordship's satisfaction was that which was admitted by the defendant; and that, subject to the counter-claim, plaintiff was entitled to \$7,000, the balance remaining due and payable under contract No. 1 and to \$3,000 in respect of the claim and Shanghai plastering.

The Counter Claim.

With regard to the counter-claim, the first claim was for \$1,745.11 in respect of defective or unsatisfactory work. The next was in respect of the omission by the defendant to put down Cokebreeze cement on the roofs. On that point, after dealing with the evidence, his Lordship found for the defendant. The next item was for doors, shown on the plans and not put in by the plaintiff. On that point, he had decided that the story of the defendant must be preferred to that of the plaintiff and the defendant was therefore entitled to recover on that item. In all those cases, his Lordship considered, the cost should be decided by an expert.

He was prepared to hear counsel on the latter point, but unless he changed his views as a result of any arguments advanced by them, he did not propose to give directions as to the form in which judgment should be entered until the amount of the claims for the defective work and the omission of Cokebreeze and doors had been arrived at. When that amount had been arrived at, application could be made by either parties in chambers to enter judgment.

Counsel contended that they thought they could agree on the question of cost to be arrived at. Mr. Potter asked for an order to be made for the \$5,000 paid in, to remain in Court.

His Lordship made the required order.

EXCEEDING HER INCOME.

CANTON'S FINANCIAL STRAITS.

SOURCES OF REVENUE DRIED UP BY DISORDERS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

There has been a slight rise from 28 to 33 in the value of Central Bank notes, but the Government's own departments are refusing this currency. The Post Office and the Railways have decided not to take the Government's notes for postage and railway charges.

The military expenses alone of the present regime, including the East River campaign, amount to \$150,000 daily. Against this the Bureau of Finance is at its wits end to raise \$100,000 daily.

War and disorder have so impoverished the city and the countryside that the Government is faced with the problem of being unable to pay for the services essential to its own survival. Money will no doubt be raised in one way and another, but the revival of trade—the proper source of revenue—is being held up by a currency that is steadily falling in value and a political uncertainty that prevents more than hand-to-mouth trading.

Unemployment is the inevitable concomitant of the situation. In addition to expectant officials, many *fonks* are now out of a job, and coolies also have to be idle. The recent closing down of 10 or more large import and export houses in Canton has been partly responsible for the smaller amount of shipping. Also the policy of the merchants is to have a minimum of regular employees on the pay-roll in order to avoid contact with labour union officials.

It is now over six weeks since the "Red" upheaval which left Canton stunned, but no scheme for general relief and reconstruction of the devastated areas has been drawn up, although Chinese in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and overseas ports have met and in some cases, raised money, for these purposes.

Of the 2,000 houses and business premises destroyed less than 250 have been rebuilt and re-opened for their former purpose. The less said about the "rebuilding" that has been done the better.

The general thing is to blame the Government, but the malcontents are unable to suggest how the administration is to maintain expensive operations on the East River, suppress the ever active Reds, break the power of the unions, stabilise the currency and start the machinery of trade, all without adequate money even for the military services.

The old Confucian schools to the number of 34 have been closed by order in Canton since the Chinese New Year.

The people's volunteers around Five-Eye Bridge and other villages along the Canton-Samshui Railway made an attack on the "Reds," operating as Peasants Corps, during the New Year holidays. Many suspected "Reds" were hunted down.

Professor Chung-Wing-Kwong, President of Lingnan University, formerly Canton Christian College, at Canton, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Overseas Chinese Affairs under the Nanking Government, with offices at Shanghai. There are more than 8,000,000 Chinese in various parts of the world, and the Nanking Government under Chiang Kai Shek is trying to do something for them. Professor Chung is only giving part of his time to the Bureau, his other duties including responsibility for the financial affairs of the University which in these days is quite a full time job.

MACAO GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

PORTUGAL'S APPRECIATION

EXTENSIVE COMMENTS IN THE LISBON PRESS.

The mails from Lisbon and Oporto arriving at Macao last week, brought a bundle of newspapers published in Portugal with very extended translations of the reports published in the Hong Kong newspapers of the visit of H.E. Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Souza Barbosa and Mme. and Mlle. Barbosa to Hong Kong in September of last year. The translations are supplemented by reproductions of photographs illustrating the landing of the Governor of Macao at Queen's Pier, with Sir Cecil Clementi in the foreground, the inspection of the Guard of Honour and other scenes connected with the official Portuguese visit.

It is noteworthy that all newspapers, regardless of their political creed, made favourable editorial comments concerning the visit and were fully appreciative of the reception given the visitors by H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong, and the British, Portuguese and Chinese communities in the Colony. Non-political as well as the partisan Press were in unison in praise of the visit and gratified in the *entente cordiale* which the visit denoted. There was not a single discordant note.

Result Of The Visit.

The December volume of the "Bulletin of the General Agency of the Portuguese Colonies" contains a full report of the visit illustrated with two full page pictures. A copy of the Bulletin, we understand, has been presented to Sir Cecil Clementi by the Governor of Macao. Concluding a long article, the Bulletin says:—

It is gratified, as it cannot fail to be, at the indisputable result of the visit of the Governor of Macao to Hong Kong not only for the high consideration we hold towards this high functionary—a truly outstanding figure in the Portuguese colonial civil service—but also for the good results that this visit, so intelligently conducted, will accrue to our Colony in the Far East.

The *Diario de Noticias*, the Lisbon equivalent of the London Times, gives prominence to the report in a double-column heading and comments thus:—

"The captivating manifestations were of an extreme and unsurpassing kindness. These manifestations are an expression of incontestable sympathy with the Portuguese nation and respect for our prestige in the Orient. The Press acutely notes, as it is the worthy of note, the affability, the consideration and the respect of which the Chinese community gave evidence in the various functions, among which must be mentioned the reception in the Chinese Merchants Club to Senhor Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, who, as Governor of Macao, has improved materially the financial situation of that Colony—a fact that affirms his great administrative ability."

The *Seculo* is the oldest and most conservative daily published in Lisbon. In its issue of November 18th last it gives prominence to the report of the visit. It introduces the report with the remark that "we have already alluded briefly to the visit of the Governor of Macao, Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, to the British Colony of Hong Kong where he received effusive manifestations of respect and sympathy from the British Governor and the leading representatives of the Chinese and Portuguese communities."

The daily enjoying the largest circulation in Oporto—*O Primeiro de Janeiro*—reproduces the picture of the official landing at Queen's Pier. In directing its readers' attention to the illustration the paper says:—"The recent stay of Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, at Hong Kong, was characterised by a very kind reception accorded to the representative of Portugal on the occasion of his visit to the Governor of the English Colony, Sir Cecil Clementi. Our illustration shows Sir Cecil Clementi in the act of introducing Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa to the high military and civil officials."

Another Oporto journal is *O Comercio*, and as its name implies, represents commercial interests in the advance sentiment of the Portuguese colonial empire.

A WATCHMAN'S WAGES.

SAID TO HAVE SLEPT WHILE HOTEL WAS ROBBED.

WINS CLAIM AGAINST ST. FRANCIS HOTEL PROPRIETRESS.

When an Indian watchman sued Mrs. Cameron, proprietress of the St. Francis Hotel, in the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, for \$75 wages, earned and due in lieu of notice, it was stated in defence that plaintiff slept on duty and allowed the hotel to be robbed of electric bulbs and lampshades.

The plaintiff, Abdul Wahid, sued for two months wages, at \$25 a month, from October 15th to December 15th, last year, and one month's wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. Horace Lo was for the plaintiff and Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios for Mrs. Cameron.

Mr. Remedios said he had instructions to consent to judgment for \$22, which the defendant said was the plaintiff's salary from October 15th to November 15th.

Mr. Lo replied that the offer would not be accepted.

In opening the case, Mr. Lo said the plaintiff was employed by the defendant as a watchman at the St. Francis Hotel. He was engaged on October 15th last year and was to receive \$25 a month. He worked until December 3rd, when he was summarily dismissed by the defendant. The plaintiff had on at least three occasions, asked for his wages and the excuse advanced by the defendant for not paying him was that she had no money. He was eventually told that he would be paid on December 1st when the hotel opened. On December 2nd, he again asked for payment and was told he would be paid on the following day, but on the night of December 3rd he was dismissed.

Plaintiff's Story.

Plaintiff, in the course of his evidence, bore out the opening of Mr. Lo. Defendant first offered him a wage of \$22 a month, but when he asked for \$25 she agreed. He was engaged monthly.

Replying to Mr. Remedios' plaintiff denied that he was introduced to defendant by the head watchman of the Dollar Steamship Line. He went on his own. He reiterated that the wage agreed on was \$25.

Plaintiff denied that the assistant manager of the hotel found him asleep on three or four occasions in the late and early hours. He further denied that the Chinese proprietor of the hotel woke him up at 3 a.m. on December 1st, by flashing his torch on witness, and telling him to go and investigate a noise.

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Mr. Remedios: Did he tell you next morning that a lot of electric bulbs and shades had been stolen from the Hotel?

Plaintiff: No.

Mr. Remedios: What did Mrs. Cameron tell you when she dismissed you?

Plaintiff: That some articles had been stolen.

Mr. Remedios: Did she not tell you that you had been dismissed for being asleep on duty?

Plaintiff: No.

A checker, employed at the Kowloon Godowns, said that he went with plaintiff, who was his friend, to see Mrs. Cameron on November 13th or 14th, and at the plaintiff's request asked her about plaintiff's wages. Mrs. Cameron said that she had not the money at present in hand, but asked plaintiff to wait until December 1st, when she promised to pay him.

Defendant In The Box.

Mrs. Cameron gave evidence, and said that she was the proprietress of St. Francis Hotel. She received a letter from an official of the Dollar Steamship Company, who knew she would be requiring a watchman. This official sent along the No. 1 watchman of the Company, who told her that he knew of a very good watchman on whom she could rely. It was through this man that plaintiff was engaged. She had no dealings with plaintiff over the matter.

At first \$25 was asked for in the way of a wage, but when she told the negotiator that she could not pay that, but was willing to pay \$22 a month, this sum was accepted.

On December 1st, the proprietor of the hotel and the Assistant Manager complained that \$30 to \$50 worth of electric bulbs and shades had been stolen from the hotel. Defendant continued that plaintiff came to her with two of his countrymen and demanded \$27. She told him that she would not give him anything in view of the complaint about his being asleep on duty when the theft probably took place. Plaintiff threatened to sue her if she did not pay, and witness replied that there was no need to threaten her, and offered to pay him \$22, one month's salary, only.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo: Are you financially embarrassed?

Defendant: I would not say that. I need money, as I expect a great many more people in the Colony do.

Mr. Lo went on to question defendant about the taking out of a lease in respect of the hotel from a certain bank, and proceeded to ask defendant if she had fully paid up in respect of rent.

Defendant replied that she did not see that this had anything to do with the case at all, and that she had not come to court to discuss these matters.

Mr. Lo continued to press defendant for a reply, but after his Lordship had interposed with one or two questions the matter was dropped.

Replying to his Lordship, defendant said that when she engaged plaintiff her intention was to employ him indefinitely.

In answer to another question by his Lordship, as to why she had not engaged another watchman to take plaintiff's place, defendant said that two luggage coolies took turns at this work, and further that the hotel was not occupied.

The Comprodor's Evidence.

The Chinese comprodor of the hotel said that he was woken up during the night of November 30th or December 1st. He went to find the watchman, and on flashing his torch on him found him asleep. Witness told the watchman to get up and investigate the noise. Next morning, witness found that 68 lampshades and a large number of bulbs, stored in the hotel, had been stolen. He reported this to the Police, and also to Mrs. Cameron. The watchman returned on the night of December 1st and was dismissed.

It was pointed out that defendant in her evidence, had stated that when plaintiff saw her on the night of December 1st, he ran away, and returned on December 3rd and demanded his pay.

Following further cross-examination, in which it was pointed out that when the case was first called in the Court the comprodor had attended and consented to judgment, his Lordship remarked that he was not prepared to believe the comprodor's evidence.

Evidence was also given by the American assistant manager of the hotel that on two occasions, once at 8 p.m. and once at 11 p.m., he found the plaintiff nodding, and on a third occasion when he was returning to the hotel the watchman came in from somewhere outside.

The Judgment.

His Lordship said that he found for plaintiff. He commented that the comprodor had attended the Court when the case was originally called and had consented to judgment, and the amount claimed, but that he (His Lordship) had not entered an order to that effect because he was not quite sure of what authority the comprodor had.

Concluding, His Lordship said he did not find there was any ground for the summary dismissal of plaintiff, and he did not accept the comprodor's evidence. He entered judgment for plaintiff, for \$25 wages from October 15th to November 15th, \$12.52 wages from November 15th to December 3rd, and \$25 in lieu of notice, a total of \$62.52.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

\$10,000 FINE FOR OPIUM SMUGGLER.

DEFENDANTS BLAME COMMUNISTS.

[AFTER A SHORT.]

"Note Book" went the usual round of the Police Courts yesterday and was rewarded with three cases of a rather unusual nature. One was heard at Kowloon where the defendant, who was charged with snatching, said that the complainant was a Communist and that the charge was brought out of revenge.

Another Chinese, an ex-seaman, was charged before Major C. Willson with trying to raise money from two Chinese women on the excuse that he wanted it to obtain the release of some of her relatives who had been arrested in Shanghai for being "Reds."

A Chinese through passenger on the s.s. *Luchow* was found to be in possession of 520 taels of raw opium and a fine of \$10,000 was imposed.

THE CONFIDENCE MAN.

Ho Tin, an ex-seaman of the s.s. *President Hughes*, was charged before Major C. Willson with attempting to obtain \$4,000 from two Chinese women. The story he told the women was that in a recent raid on the "Reds" at Shanghai, several of the women's relatives were arrested and he had been authorised to raise \$4,000 for their release. He impressed upon the women that if that amount was not forthcoming, their relatives would be executed.

He also produced newspaper cuttings to support his statement. The women believed him and went to their native homes to sell some paddy fields in order to raise the required amount. Meanwhile the wife of one of the captives went to Shanghai with \$2,000 but she found that the defendant had never been authorised to obtain the money.

A police trap was laid and the prosecution alleged that the defendant walked into it. He was given \$100 with the promise that, if he would return he would be paid more. When he left the house, he was arrested by two Chinese detectives. The case was adjourned.

"ONLY REVENGE."

Two Chinese maidens, told a tale of how they dressed up for the Chinese New Year and went out visiting. On their return, a Chinese was waiting for them half way up the stairs of their house and snatched a gold necklace, with a jade pendant, from one of them. The girls called out for help and their father responded. He gave chase and arrested the alleged culprit. A search was then made and the stolen trinket was found at the doorway.

The man was charged yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy, and his story was that the girls' father was one of the Communists responsible for the recent trouble at Canton and that he (defendant) had helped the soldiers to round the "Reds" up. The girls' father on becoming frightened had run to Hong Kong for safety.

Defendant said that he met the complainant in Portland Street and straightaway the complainant assaulted him and accused him of stealing his daughter's necklace. The complainant denied the whole story saying that he had been employed with the Oriental Tobacco Factory for the last 20 years and had never been to Canton during that time. He added that he did not know whether Canton was "black or white."

The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

A \$10,000 FINE.

A Chinese through passenger from Swatow to Canton on the s.s. *Luchow* was discovered to be in possession of 520 taels of raw opium by the local police when the steamer stopped at Hong Kong. He was charged before Mr. W. Schofield and was fined \$10,000 with the alternative of ten months' hard labour.

A HABITUAL OFFENDER.

Charged with entering a shop at No. 3 Waterloo Road with felonious intent—a Chinese—was given two months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy after the Police record had shown that the defendant was a banisher from Rangoon and that no less than seven convictions had been registered against him there.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY CASE.

Further evidence was taken before Major C. Willson in the case in which fifteen Chinese are charged with being connected with a triad society. Mr. J. A. Gordon Leach appeared for the first defendant and Mr. Duncan McCallum was for the fifth accused. The case was again adjourned until this afternoon.

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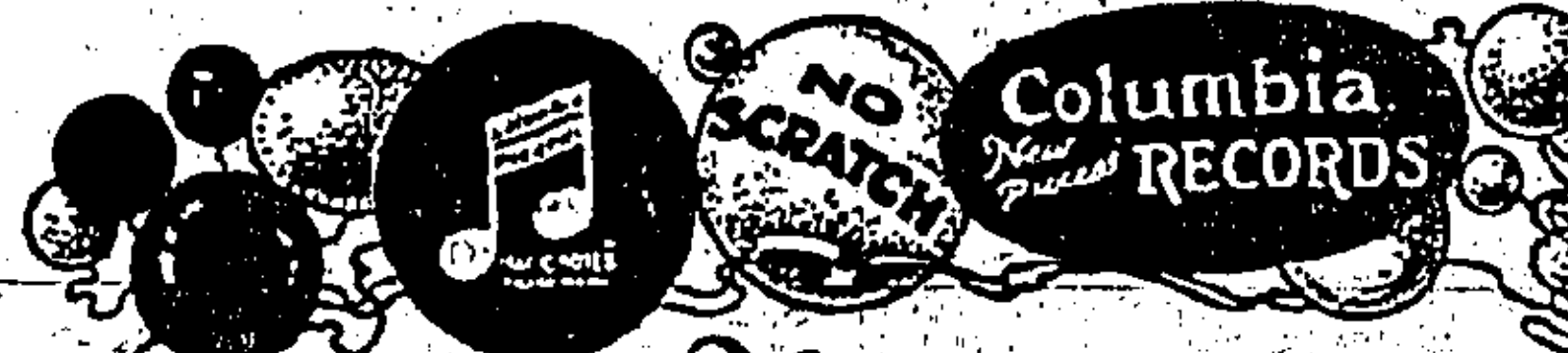
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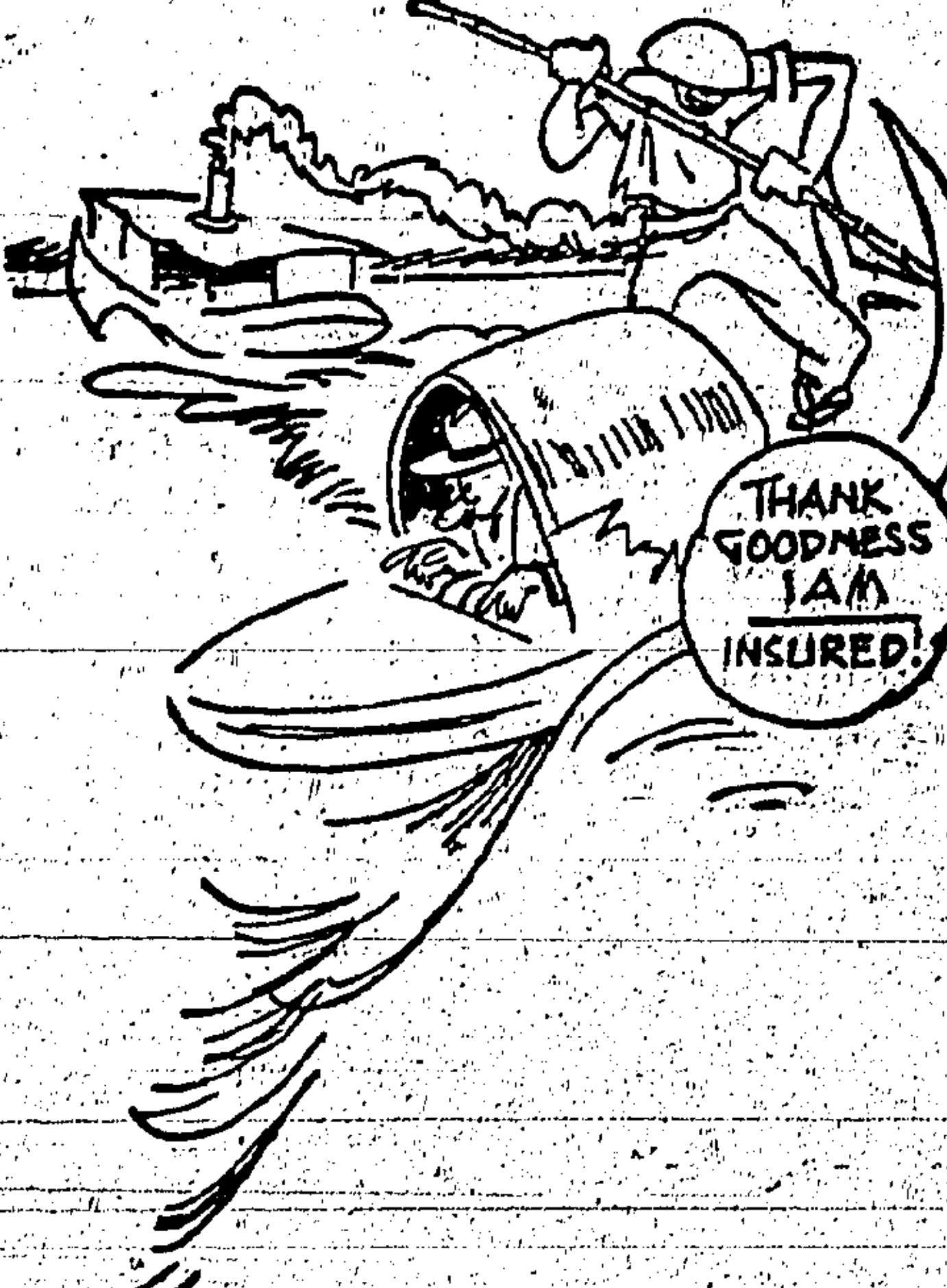
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NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 8th Floor, Pedder Building, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 3rd Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Auditors and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended December 31st, 1927; to confirm the appointment of Three Directors, and to elect Two Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1928, to MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Jan. 25th, 1928. [5807]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on TUESDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th JANUARY to 7th FEBRUARY, 1928, both dates inclusive.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers. [5803]

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LYNSTAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.
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Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. E. BROWN,
Secretary. [5826]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, to FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th Jan., 1928. [5808]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1865.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE SELAMATIN MINING CO., LTD., EAST BORNEO PLANTING CO., LTD., LAMAG PLANTING CO., LTD., SONGIE KOTAH PLANTING CO., LTD., WEI HAI WEI GOLD MINING SYNDICATE, LTD., AND HONG KONG MILLING CO., LTD., IN LIQUIDATION.

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(Sgd.) H. O. A. NISBET,
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CHINESE TRAVELLERS AND TRUE NATIONALISM.

There is one thing that, we think always surprises the Chinese who goes to Europe for the first time and that is to find how highly the connoisseurs in Paris, London, Berlin and such places value the artistic products of his own country. In the British Museum and similar institutions he finds rooms set apart for the display of the treasures of the Sung, Ming, and other dynasties. He experiences as a consequence of this discovery a feeling of exaltation, a renewed pride in his national achievements and a conviction that, after all, the past in China is not destitute of greatness. In other words he learns that the Revolution is not the starting point in China's national importance. Another valuable lesson that such an experience teaches is that while a nation may have a legitimate pride in its own works of art, this does not exclude the creations of other nations. The Chinese students, therefore, will find, in addition to the exhibition of some of his own national treasures, sculptures from Athens and pictures from the Italian, Dutch and other schools. In the realm of art at any rate, skill, beautiful design, and perfect execution command not only the homage of the nation within which they were first shown but of all nations or at least wherever there exists good sense. Nationalism in Europe does not in this respect make the individual despise the work of other nations; in fact international uniformity is wholly undesirable, for it leads to stagnation if not mediocrity in the world of art. The great original achievements of other nations are welcomed as evidence of vitality and as likely sources of a new inspiration. No nation can afford to cut itself off from others for on contact depends the moral, political, intellectual and artistic progress within its own borders. Nations are not self-contained units, but rather interdependent communities, drawing just what is needful from one another in the different human spheres of activity in order to promote their own growth. When the Chinese as a community recognise that their contribution to the artistic possessions of the world is no small one, and that other nations already realise this quite fully, they will perhaps turn more and more to study those ideals which produced this art instead of turning from them as they seem more and more inclined to do. The renaissance in China will not only consist in the discovery and application of western science but in the rediscovery of the value of their own civilisation.

The Chinese student who travels in Europe will not have travelled in vain if he discovers that while nationalism naturally takes pride in the achievements of one's own fellowcountrymen, it does not exclude respect for others who excel in the various fields of art, commerce, or sport and still more that it does not imply active hatred of those who differ in customs and language. Commerce itself is one of the great factors binding nations together. France cannot do without English cotton goods, and England must have wines of Bordeaux and the novelties of Paris. The English import Swiss milk, Swiss chocolate and Geneva watches but they must go to Switzerland to enjoy the gorgeous beauty of the Swiss mountains and lakes. It is regarded as a calamity when then is any interruption to such peaceful relations.

for it is clearly understood that the losses are not on one side but on both. No nation lightly severs either cultural or commercial relations, for it takes long to knit up the broken threads and renew that interflow of spirit which such connections produce.

Nationalist China can secure her object then in peaceful ways. Her schemes for national unity will not be advanced one jot by harbouring resentment against those nations who have trodden the path before her. On the contrary, the respect and admiration of other nations is necessary to her own national welfare and honour. Europe has not stinted her praise of Chinese ancient art and culture. She will be equally ready to admire the products of modern China whatever form they may take, whenever they are worthy of admiration.

The 13th ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 16th, at 12.30 p.m.

In our report of the annual Masonic Service at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, it should have been mentioned that Mr. G. Grimble was at the organ.

There will be a general inspection of the Hong Kong Police Reserve to-day, at 5.15 p.m. by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Capt.-Supt. of Police) and the Hon. Commissioners.

A Chinese named Wan Po Chi (37) living at No. 19, Tai Yuen Street fell off his bed while asleep and was injured by the edge of a shovel on which he fell. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mrs. Robertson, of "Basile," No. 6 Lyttelton Road, has reported to the police that some time during the past three weeks during her absence from the house, someone broke open a locked box in her room and stole jewellery worth \$102.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Police Court, yesterday morning a Chinese boy was charged with the larceny of a mantelpiece clock from Lane, Crawford's store. The defendant, on pleading guilty, was sentenced to forty-eight hours' detention and twelve strokes of the birch. The property was recovered.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to-day at noon, to confirm the extraordinary resolution passed at the recent meeting to reduce the capital of the Company from \$1,500,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$800,000, divided into 150,000 shares of \$5 each.

A Chinese who was proved to be a returned banished who had come back before the expiry of his banishment term, was yesterday morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with picking the pocket of a stranger to the Colony in Queen's Road West. He received two months' jail for the larceny, and for returning from banishment was ordered an additional jail term of eight months with the additional punishment of 20 strokes of the birch.

Probate in respect of the estate of Wong Kwong Wo, alias Wong Chan Sau, late of Wong Pie village, Hoi Ping district, province of Kwang Tung, merchant, who died on September 11th, 1927, has been granted to Wong Chan Lan, described in the will as Cham Lan, merchant of No. 270, Des Voeux Road Central, the executor, and son of testator. Wong Chau Shi, described in the will as Chau Shi, widow of testator, renounced probate. Hong Kong estate is valued at \$13,500, and testator leaves his estate to the widow and son.

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The result of all this advertisement was that certain among us, the present writer for one, expected to be disappointed in "Ben Hur." These stupendous and costly productions have a way of falling short of the assertions which the professional trumpeters make on their behalf. But not so "Ben Hur." "Ben Hur" is all that was promised, and a great deal more. We were prepared for the lavish sets, the enormous crowd, the galaxy of stars, and the thrills of both sea battle and chariot race. But we were not prepared for the perfect harmony, the reverence, and the astonishing beauty of the production.

When, after you have seen "Ben Hur," you try to crystallise the impression it made upon you, you will find your thoughts straying to the great pictures of the world. Famous pictures have been deliberately used by the director as a basis for several of the scenes, notably "La Cenerentola" of Leonardo da Vinci. But it is not to these deliberate reproductions that the effect is due. The memory evoked is that of the more gorgeous school of Italian Art, those two magnificent canvases of Veronese "The Marriage at Cana" and "The Feast in the House of Simon" which hang in the Louvre in particular. Fred Niblo alone of any director who has been responsible for a spectacular film has managed to achieve dignity in his production. Like Veronese he paints with a gorgeous and lavish brush, but the glitter of stage jewels, the clatter of the cameras and the rush and hurry of Hollywood, which are so prominent in almost every film, have not been allowed to intrude on the balanced composition.

The opening scenes of the nativity are so perfect that we were tempted to leave the theatre lost, as seemed inevitable, the impression that they made should be blurred by subsequent sensationalism. It cannot be said that this perfection is sustained throughout the film, that would be too much to expect and, incidentally, would certainly not please everyone, but no scene falls so far short as to make you regret staying, and again and again it is equalled in short scenes.

Of the sea fight and chariot race we need add little here, except that both are really marvellously staged and quite come up to expectations; it was amazing to hear the cheers and feel the thrill of excitement which gripped the whole theatre as the chariots swept round the vast circus.

The Acting.
The caste is excellent. Betty Bronson's acting of the Madonna is haunting and beautiful in its restraint. Ramon Novarro makes a handsome and virile hero who is far too intent on his part to pose consciously before the camera. Francis X. Bushman as "Messala," the Roman Captain, is a magnificent figure of insolent manhood and an admirable foil to "Ben Hur." There is no member of the caste who is not good and a wonderful admission—no scene we should like to see cut out entirely.

There is no need to urge you to see "Ben Hur," the published opinions of critics in London and America must convince any one that the film is quite out of the ordinary. But we urge you to book early, for great as was the first day rush, nearly every seat being booked by noon yesterday, it will probably be even harder to secure a seat later in the week.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.28 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly. The depression or typhoon remains to the N.E. of Japan. Fresh monsoon will continue along the coast and over the North China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, improving later.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HON. SIR H. E. POLLOCK RE-ELECTED.

ONLY ONE NOMINATION.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES.

The time for receiving nominations to the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, as representative of the Justices of the Peace, closed yesterday.

The only nomination received was that of Sir Henry, who was proposed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes. He was, therefore, duly declared re-elected.

It is understood that Sir Henry Pollock will take Sir Joseph Kemp's place as Attorney-General when the latter goes on Home leave shortly. This will create a temporary vacancy again and it is possible there will then be a contest. Having regard to Sir Henry's long public service there was naturally a disinclination to contest his seat, but these feelings will not, of course, deter aspiring candidates on the next opportunity.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who has a seat on the Council by nomination of H.E. The Governor, is leaving the Colony soon to succeed Mr. David Landale who is retiring from the London office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. There has been no official intimation of how the vacancy caused by Mr. Bernard's departure will be filled, but it is generally believed that His Excellency will nominate Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to the seat. Mr. Shenton served as a member of the Council during Sir Henry Pollock's absence in England last year.

EARTHQUAKE IN HONG KONG.

IMPERCEPTIBLE EXCEPT TO INSTRUMENTS.

A slight earthquake at Hong Kong was recorded on Sunday night at 10.58 p.m. by the Observatory, but it was too slight to be noticed except by the delicate Observatory instruments.

The report from the Observatory states:—
A slight earthquake was felt at Hong Kong on Sunday night. Small rapid vibrations were recorded at the Observatory from 10h. 58m. 30s. to 10h. 58m. 50s., the maximum occurring at 10h. 58m. 32s.

The amplitude was only 2mm. Had the time of vibration about 1 second, been any, 3 times as great the shock would not have been felt.

TWO RINGS TOO SHORT.

FIRE ALARM SOUNDED BY A FIREMAN.

Shortly before four o'clock yesterday afternoon the sound of the bell on a fire engine was heard in the Central district, and an appliance from the Central Fire Station was seen to speed towards Queen's Road East.
Upon inquiry at fire headquarters, however, the Daily Press reporter was informed that there had been no fire, although an alarm had been received.
It appears that a fireman had been sent out to test the street alarm. He was engaged in this duty, but on testing the alarm at Arsenal Street he failed to give the three short rings which is customary when tests are being carried out.

Instead he gave one ring only, with the result that both Wanchai and Central Fire Stations concluded that there was an actual fire on, and an appliance from each station was rushed to the spot, only to find that there was nothing to do when they arrived.

CLEANER MANILA!

CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED BY HEALTH SERVICE.

A campaign to have a cleaner Manila will soon be started by the health service. Special attention will be given to the cleaning of crowded districts like Tondo and Intramuros.
The disposition of garbage in these districts is not what it should be. Garbage is left in the home premises long enough to constitute a menace to the health of the residents.—Manila Times

ROUTING OUT CHIHLI'S "BIG SWORD" BANDITS.

HUNAN TROOPS CONTINUING SOUTHWARD MATCH.

SKIRMISHES NEAR HSUCHOW.

SHANTUNG AND CHIHLI FAMINE WORSENING DAILY.

The "big sword" bandits, who have been giving much trouble of late, are being successfully coped with by the Peking Government troops.

Ichang is again dreading attacks by bandits now that General Yang Sen's troops have left that city.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has evidently not abandoned all hope of holding the Fourth Kuomintang Conference. He is reported to be still tackling the problem.

The news regarding the famine in Shantung and Chihli is that it is daily getting worse. The peasants are in a deplorable state and emigration to Manchuria is increasing. Efforts by Chinese and foreigners to ameliorate the suffering are being continued.

THE FAMINE IN THE NORTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, January 30th. The International Famine Commission announce that conditions in Shantung and South Chihli are worsening daily. This was indicated by the fact that villagers are pulling down their houses to sell the material for food and fuel. Many villages have only bare walls standing.

Emigration to Manchuria continues on a large scale. In some districts 90 per cent. had left and 30 per cent. of those remaining were sick. Many farms were unplanted and farm animals were disappearing.

Local officials were feeding many. \$420,000 worth of grain had been received from Manchuria.

The military authorities were setting aside one train to be used exclusively to bring grain to Shantung, and Government agencies had also distributed 10,000 suits of clothing.

The American Committee of the China Famine Fund had voted \$72,848 and the Japanese Red Cross had sent 4,000 yen to the stricken area.

SKIRMISHES NEAR HSUCHOW.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 30th. Skirmishes occurred in the last few days at a point north of Hsuehchow between Southern and Northern troops.

DISLOYAL NORTHERN DIVISION?

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 30th. It is reported that one division of Northern troops has gone over to the Southern.

MARSHAL CHIANG AND THE CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, January 30th. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek conferred with Chang Ching-kiang, Tan Yan-kan, Tsai Yuen-fu and other Kuomintang leaders in connection with the Kuomintang Conference to be held at the "Kwangsi clique" in the city. The main difficulty is that the "Kwangsi clique" refuse to meet half-way Mr. Wang Ching-wei's party, and even demand that Mr. Wang's colleagues be excluded from the Conference.

THE "BIG SWORD" BANDITS.

PEKING GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN ACTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 30th. The "big sword" bandit nuisance in Tungshui is being disposed of as Government troops are scouring the area. On January 27th, the troops encountered and split up a body of 300 "big sword" bandits.

Peking's Finance Minister. According to well-informed Chinese circles the replacement of Yangtzeu, Finance Minister, is proving very difficult. The post has been offered successively to Li Shih-hao and Wang Keh-min, and as both have refused, it has therefore been decided that Yangtzeu continue in the office temporarily.

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS.

MR. HEARST'S CALL FOR CO-OPERATION.

U.S.A.'S PAN-AMERICAN POLICY CRITICISED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 30th. Strong criticism of the policy of the United States Government and an appeal for the co-operation of the English-speaking nations of the world is contained in a signed article published by Mr. W. R. Hearst, the leading United States newspaper proprietor, in his chain of newspapers, condemning the Government's policy in participating in the Pan-American Conference, which he declares is a losing venture for the United States. Mr. Hearst says it is natural for the weak Latin-American nations to combine against the powerful Anglo-Saxon Republic of the North, and the conference only emphasises the fundamental differences which those of race suggest.

The United States, he says, should turn to the Northern boundary rather than to the Southern as a great opportunity for the welfare of the world lies in the co-operation of the English-speaking nations.

The article is significant as it follows a similar appeal published by Mr. Hearst a year ago, which created great interest throughout the world.

"I WILL."

SMALL PLANE SETS OUT ON BIG JOURNEY.

COMMERCIAL AVIATION PROJECT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 30th. Captain Joseph Donnellan, ex-Royal Air Force, set out in a small monoplane named "I will" upon a flight to Santiago de Chile and back via Atlanta, Havana and Panama, with the object of opening up commercial aviation between North and South America.

ITALO-YUGO-SLAV RELATIONS.

THE DISTURBING NOTE.

HOME PAPERS INTERESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th. The newspapers give prominence to the disturbing note, published in the Fascist organ, in which is mentioned the postponement of the denunciation of the Italo-Yugo-Slav Treaty, which had just been extended for six months.

RANGOON RAILWAY OUTRAGE.

CAUSE OF DISASTER.

FIFTY-TWO DEATHS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, Jan. 29th. Four fishplates and four bolts have now been discovered lying alongside the railway lines at the scene of the train smash, thus indicating deliberate tampering with the railway.

The Agent specially mentions the help given after the disaster by three passengers, including an American named Case, but he complains that the villagers were apathetic.

RANGOON, Jan. 30th. The number of deaths in the railway disaster have now mounted to fifty-two.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE.

LEAVES U.S.A. FOR CANADA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29th. President Cosgrave has left Philadelphia for Ottawa.

AMERICA'S LOVE OF SHAKESPEARE.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION IN NEW YORK.

FOR SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL FUND.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 30th. One of the most brilliant functions in the history of the American stage was held in the Metropolitan Opera House when hundreds of prominent people in social, business and financial circles gathered to witness an impressive symposium of Shakespeare's famous garden scenes staged for the benefit of the American Shakespeare Memorial Fund.

One hundred and fifty leading American actresses and a number of prominent British actors participated.

LONDON'S NEW AIR PORT.

RESULT OF NINE YEARS' WORK AT CROYDON.

COST £260,000.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Jan. 29th. The great new air port at Croydon, which comes into use on Monday, embodies the result of nine years' experience in the working of the regular high-speed passenger air services.

As the big Handley-Page Napier and Silver Wing air liners of the Imperial Airways arrived from the continent yesterday they were taken to sheds of the new station to be ready for their start from the new ground on Monday.

Built at a cost of £260,000, the new terminal has a huge domed entrance and booking hall, customs and immigration inspection halls, and a fifty feet high control tower.

REVOLT IN MOSCOW? REPORTED ATTACK ON THE KREMLIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, Jan. 29th. A revolt in Moscow, forms the subject of numerous unofficial and unconfirmed reports, to the effect that four Soviet Regiments, supporters of Trotsky, are bombarding the Kremlin with artillery.

Official Denial.

MOSCOW, Jan. 30th. The rumours of a revolt are officially denied.

BRITISH TRADE.

H.R.H.'S OPTIMISTIC SPEECH.

FURTHER DETAILS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Jan. 29th. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was the principal guest last night at the important annual banquet of the Birmingham Jewellers' Association, spoke optimistically of trade prospects.

After pointing out that last year had realised some of the hopes with which it began after the long industrial struggles of 1926, he continued: "Employees and employers have come to see that whatever differences there may be between them in matters of detail, their fundamental interests in large production and thriving trade were the same. Evidence of this can be found in last year's trade returns. These show that despite black spots still to be found on the business horizon, and the handicaps under which work was re-started at the end of 1926, when many markets had been temporarily lost, we have really wiped out all our deficit and have started on the road again. Another encouraging sign is that our imports of raw materials have been well maintained. The recent meeting of representatives of employers and the General Council of Trade Unions gives us the strongest reason to hope that a new era of prosperity is opening before us."

The Prince added that another happy sign was the tremendous demand for space at the British Industries Fair, due to open in the near future.

IRISH FREE STATE'S NEW GOVERNOR.

ALLEGED PLOT AGAINST HIS LIFE.

SCOTLAND YARD ON THE ALERT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th. News of an alleged plot against James McNeill, the new Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who is to be installed at the Viceregal Lodge on February 1st, is stated to have been received by Scotland Yard from the police of Dublin.

Armed detectives have been immediately entrusted with the task of protecting Mr. McNeill, who is at present in London and special precautions are taking place for his safety when he crosses the Channel to take up residence.

Strict watch was kept by the police at Mr. McNeill's house in Kensington all night long. Several motor-cars arrived at the house at 8 o'clock this morning. Three contained detectives and the others luggage guarded by detectives. When Mr. McNeill reached Euston Station detectives escorted him to a special coach in front of the train where the platform was barricaded and only bearers of Scotland Yard permits were allowed to enter.

Mr. McNeill, who was very cheerful, declined to receive pressmen. Detectives accompanied him in the train to Holyhead.

GERMAN MILITARY WIRELESS.

"INDISCREET AND CARELESS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 29th. An investigation of the Reichswehr wireless affair has resulted in the release of all the men arrested, with the exception of the five originally arrested at Gieszen.

It is shown that the wireless operators were indiscreet and careless in sending out military messages intended only for the Army. They were apparently sent out in such a manner that foreign stations could decipher the code.

One result of the affair will probably be a more frequent changing of the military telegraphic code.

CROOKS' CLUB IN A CRYPT.

FOUNDED BY WOMAN AND EX-BURGLAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A Run-Straight Club—the League of the Straight Road—has been founded the members of which are men who have been in prison, and whose business it is to prevent their friends among the crooks from going back to crime.

They meet every Friday night at the Church of All Hallows, Mark Lane, E.C.4, and on other evenings, if they wish, at the crypt of St. Martin's Church.

Miss Margerie Evan Thomas founded the club in company with an ex-burglar who had been disabled in the war.

She said to a reporter: "The ex-burglar gave me the entrée into the distinguished set of crooks. It is more difficult to get into the 'set' than into any of the most exclusive in Mayfair. Every member of the club has to be introduced and vouched for by a member who knows that he wants to go straight. For four months he is on probation. We have 50 members, and soon will have 100. Reconviction is not allowed; the member automatically drops out."

Our members have been pick-pockets, house or shop breakers, purely through destitution. We have had 10 Borstal boys, several of whom had been reconvicted three or four times, and they have now settled into work and are doing well.

The club finds employment for its members through the persistence of the leader. Often one man does so well that the employer takes on the ex-criminal's friends. In one firm there were four working together.

Every Sunday Miss Evan Thomas watches the club play football.

FIELD MARSHAL EARL HAIG DEAD.

PASSES AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY IN LONDON.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH FORCES DURING THE WAR.

A GREAT SOLDIER AND PATRIOT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th. Earl Haig is dead.

His death was most unexpected, as there had been no hint of illness. Photographs in this morning's papers depict the Field Marshal inspecting at Cardigan House, Richmond, on Saturday, the 20th Richmond (Earl Haig's Own) Boy Scouts. The Field Marshal appeared very cheerful.

"Stand Up For England." Earl Haig died in London. His last public utterance showed his deep love of his country.

Speaking on Saturday at an enrolment ceremony of the Twentieth (Earl Haig's Own) Troops of Boy Scouts, consisting of sons of disabled ex-Service men employed at the British Legion factory in Richmond, Earl Haig said: "Stand up for England when people speak disrespectfully of her. Try to realise what citizenship and public spirit really mean."

The Final Scene. Earl Haig died in his brother-in-law's house, where he was staying. He was about to retire at midnight when he collapsed while sitting on the edge of his bed. He did not lose consciousness but death came very quickly.

The doctors are of opinion that the heart failure, which was the immediate cause of death, had been brought on by the strain of the war years.

Biographical Details. Field Marshal Earl Haig was born in 1861 and was therefore in his 67th year. He was the youngest son of Mr. John Haig, J.P., of Cameronbridge, Fifeshire, his mother being the daughter of Mr. Hugh Veitch of Stewartfield, Midlothian. Douglas Haig, who was educated at Clifton and Brasenose College, Oxford, joined the 7th Hussars in 1885, served in the Sudan in 1898, including Atbara and Khartoum (despatches, Bt-Major, British medal, Khedive's medal with two clasps); South Africa, 1899;

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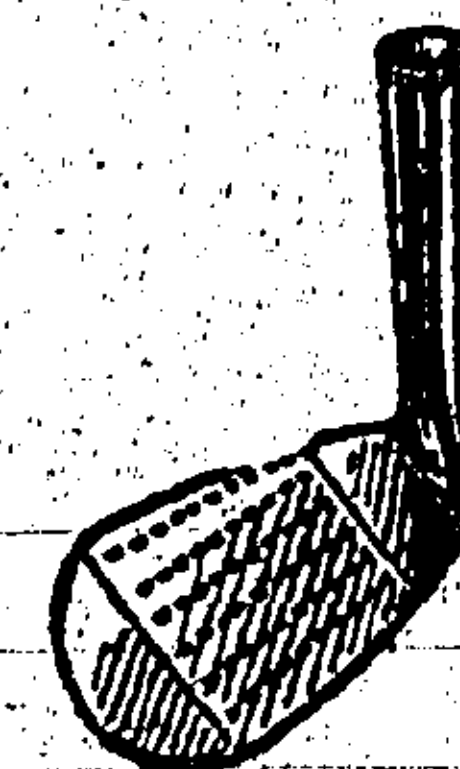
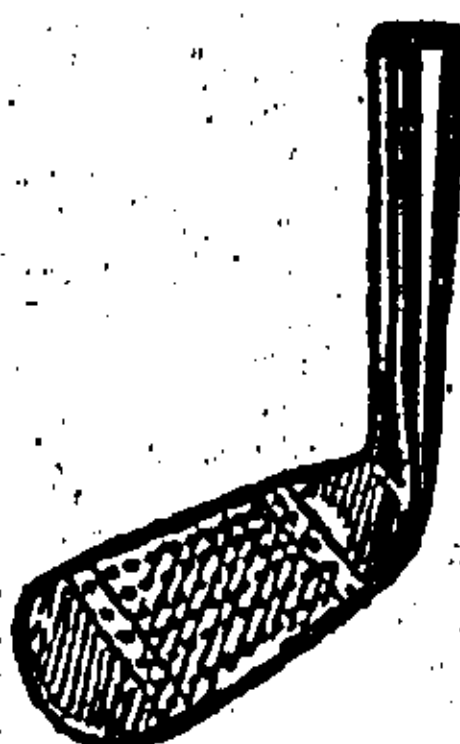


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SHANGHAI BEAT HONG KONG.

PLENTY OF FINE GOLF IN THE SINGLES.

A CLOSE FINISH.

[By R.H.H.]

In the singles yesterday Shanghai won by 5 games 1, thus beating Hong Kong in all by 6 points to 3, as Hong Kong had already won two and lost one of the foursomes.

The final result is slightly illogical, for Hong Kong beat Manila, who beat Shanghai, while Shanghai were up on Hong Kong. Still I think not even a partial observer could fail to admit that Shanghai was actually the strongest team.

The singles yesterday produced at least one thrilling finish, as it had been decided to play every match out and so avoid any chance of a tie.

The day was horribly cold and considering that, or really even apart from that, the golf reached a high standard.

The Interport dinner, of which a report is printed in another column, was held after the match at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last night.

Both teams sail to-day, the Shanghai team in the early morning and Manila in the afternoon.

Standing Water On The Course.

There had been heavy rain again early in the morning yesterday, and actually about an hour before the first match set out there was standing water in several parts of the course, but the drainage system of Fanling is extremely good, and once it stopped raining, about 8.15, the course cleared very quickly. The wind, which was quite strong on Sunday, had dropped to a very little breeze, and it would have been an ideal day for golf if it had not been so cold. But it was cold, horribly cold; if possible even colder than the day before; and yet some people played in shorts! We are a hardy, though an extremely foolish race! As a matter of fact I think they would all have worn plus-fours if they had had them with them. But enough of the cold now, there was far too much of it at Fanling.

Morning Rounds.

Budd and Pendered teed off early for the first match, about 8.45. Both hit long balls, but Budd cut his under the trees and played several before he picked up. After this early loss he was steadily just ahead of Pendered, and had collected a lead of two holes by the end of the 8th. After that he was level going until Pendered got one back at the Horizon, where Budd missed a short putt.

From the 14th tee Budd reached the green, which was a fine knock yesterday morning, and his first putt stayed on the lip. This was good enough for a win, and put him 2 up. Both hit long drives at the next, but Budd topped his iron short all along the ground. However, Pendered would not quite get his 4, and the match was still 2 up. Pendered played a fine pitch at the 16th to get one hole back, and he collected the other one before the end of the round, going into tiffin in the non-committal state of all square.

Fine Figures.

The second match set out in fine figures. The first hole was halved in a perfectly sound 4, Binko won the next in 4, where Andrews cut his second, and Andrews' 3 at the third was good enough. Here Binko hit a tee shot which looked pin high, but it unaccountably hit the top of the bunker and came back. At the 4th Andrews pulled his drive, but his second was on the pin all the way, and Binko just failed to get a 4 and was 1 down. After a half in 4, at the Dip, Andrews just missed the name figure at the Long Hole and was stymied by Binko. Still a 3 was good enough to win the Bog for Andrews and make him 2 up, a position which he held until the occurrences well down the second column.

Binko hit a very long drive to the 14th, the next point at which I saw them, and he was well on the green with a fine second, but Andrews sank a good putt for a half in 4, and at this point stood 1 up. Andrews' 3 at the next was good enough to win, and he finished the first round in the same position, 2 up. Andrews was round in the very sound figure of 76.

Good Golf.

There was some very sound golf in the morning round between Erskine and Malcolm. Malcolm was playing like a book, hitting all his shots up the middle and not taking over his regulation number of putts. In consequence, Erskine was up against it if ever he made a mistake. Both played extremely steadily, with flashes of real brilliance, throughout the round. For instance, Erskine got a fine 3 at the 3rd, yet he was 2 down after the 6th. He got another 2 at the 6th, and sank a good putt at the 13th, but he was still 2 down. Malcolm lost Sandy's Pulpit, but won the Armchair. At the Braeside he got a sound 4, but that was no good against Erskine, who hit a magnificent shot on to the green and holed his putt for the third brilliant 2 of the round. However, Malcolm was right on top of his game, and stuck in a putt for a 4 at the 17th and a win. Not content with this, after half-hitting his drive, Malcolm put a spoon shot right up the pin at the 18th and holed to putt for a 3, to go in to tiffin 3 up.

Even Matches.

The remaining three matches all started pretty evenly, but I did not see very much of them at the beginning as the early matches were playing fairly fast. Bloxham was 1 down against Pilcher on the 8th tee, but he had lost another hole by the Turn, as he hooked his grassy shot rather badly, and found such a bad lie that he could only play the ball back on to the fairway. After that play was pretty even, but Pilcher was always able to take advantage of any mistake which Bloxham made. As a result, he was 3 up after the 15th and had collected yet another hole by the end of the morning round.

More Good Figures.

Cumming appeared so genuinely dissatisfied with some perfectly good practice shots, played before the match started, that I thought he would be dangerous. As a matter of fact 1 was not far wrong, but Dodwell was not standing any nonsense. Cumming went off with a bit of a rush, and was 2 up after 5 holes, but Dodwell got a really fine 4 to win the Long Hole, and halved the Bog. He was 2 down again after the 11th but he won the Gem and the Horizon straight off to square the match. This was good going considering that Cumming was out in the really excellent figure of 38. Dodwell lost the 14th to a 3, but Cumming was in trouble all the way at the next and the match was square again, and continued so to the end of the round.

Murray and Pettitt started very evenly and were all square at the 6th. Both were well short with their tee shots to the Bog, a fault which was by no means confined to them yesterday, but I could not see what finally happened at that hole. Anyhow, Pettitt took 3 putts at the Gem and lost it to Murray's 3, and Murray stood 2 up at the 14th tee. Pettitt had a wonderful chance to win this hole, where Murray was in trouble, but he quailed his approach and could only get a half. Pettitt took 3 putts again at the 15th to stand 3 down but after a half in 4 he won the last two holes, and was only a hole behind on the first round.

Afternoon Rounds.

The play through the green in the top match was extremely good after tiffin, but the putting was lamentable. I happen to know the number of putts struck in this match in the first ten holes, but it would be cruelty to reveal it. It is a fact however that, at least in the first half of the second round, a win meant that one had got down in 2 putts, while a half implied that both had taken 3. Working more or less on this understanding then, after a half at the 1st Pendered became 1 up at the second, but he was pulled back at the next. After halves at the 4th and 5th, where Budd was stymied, Pendered went ahead again at the Long Hole, but Budd was level at the Bog. Budd got a 3 at the 9th to stand 1 up at the Turn, and won the 11th and the Gem, but Pendered holed a beautiful little chip shot at Sandy's Pulpit to pull him back to 2 up. He lost the Armchair to stand dorny 3 down, but holed a fine putt on the 16th for a 3 to keep the match alive. The end came at the next, which Budd won.

A Close Finish.

Andrews had increased his first round lead by one after the 5th in the afternoon. At the 6th Binko hit an enormous drive and was just above the green with an iron. His chip shot was beautifully struck and hit the back of the tin, but just came out again. However, his 4 was good enough to win. Andrews was back to a lead of 2 at the 10th, where Binko missed a really tiny putt, but he was in trouble all the way to the next, and Binko reached the green with a fine mashie shot. A 3 at the Gem put Andrews back to 2 up again, and when he reached Sandy's Pulpit from the tee and won it in 4, to stand 3 up with 4 to go, the match looked as good as over. At the Armchair Binko got a 4 which was very nearly a 3, but a half in 4 at the Braeside made Andrews dorny 2. Andrews had this bad luck to lose his ball off his second shot to the 17th, though it was afterwards found about 30 yards closer to the green than the place where they were looking. Binko hit a very big drive to the Home Hole and Andrews did not get hold of his 30 holes, but it had been decided to play everything to a finish, so they went again. Both hit long drives and finally left themselves short putts, but Binko holed and Andrews missed, and so finished a very fine match.

The Other Matches.

Erskine had gone into tiffin 3 down, and at the finish of the 9th he had lost another hole, but he sank a good putt on the 9th to get it back again. After the 13th he was 2 down, and his putt for a win at the next wobbled on the edge of the hole but stayed out. He took an extremely unwise 3 putts at the Armchair to stand dorny 3. At the 16th Malcolm pulled his drive up the hill and was short, while Erskine cut his ball into rough stuff. Malcolm played safely for the middle of the green, and got there about 7 yards from the pin, but Erskine played a brilliant pitch with lots of spin and laid the ball stone dead. Then Malcolm finished an excellent round by holing his putt for a half in 3 and the match.

Bad Luck For Bloxham.

Bloxham had very bad luck early in the second round, when he broke his figger, the most hard-working club in his bag. He seemed to find nothing but figger shot, to play after that and was all at sea, finally losing by 6 and 4.

Cumming continued to play extremely good golf in the afternoon, and was 2 up on Dodwell after the 5th. He stood dorny 4 and a half at the Armchair gave him the match 4 and 3. He was very close to even 5 for the holes played in the afternoon.

A Win For Hong Kong.

Murray quite completed his claim to a place in the Interport side by winning the solitary match for Hong Kong. He also played extremely steadily to do so. By the 14th tee in the afternoon he had increased his lead to 3 holes, and a half hero made him 3 up with 4 to go. Pettitt missed a shot going to the Armchair and Murray's 5 was good enough for holes and match.

RESULTS.

Hong Kong.	
T. D. E. Pendered	0
L. R. Andrews (lost to A. R.)	0
Binko at the 37th	0
Capt. F. D. Erskine	0
Capt. H. F. Bloxham	0
L. G. O. Dodwell	0
G. Murray	1
Total	1
Shanghai.	
M. W. Budd (3 and 1)	1
A. B. Binko	1
H. B. Malcolm (3 and 2)	1
F. D. Erskine (4 and 4)	1
K. M. Cumming (4 and 3)	0
A. V. Pettitt	0
Total	5

INTERPORT GOLF DINNER.

MERRY GATHERING LAST NIGHT.

There was a happy gathering at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last evening, on the occasion of the Interport Golf Dinner. Speeches were brief, bright and appropriate, the function being very successful.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club) presided, and the company present numbered just over fifty. The Chairman was supported by the Captains of the Shanghai, Manila and Hong Kong teams, Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice) and the members of the three teams.

An excellent dinner was provided, and the service was all that could be wished.

The toasts of "H.M. the King" and the "The President of the United States" were submitted by the Captain of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, and were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of the "Visitors," the Hon. Mr. Hallifax said they had just concluded another interport fixture, and he thought the results justified an entry of this particular encounter in their annals. The matches would provide a great deal of material for discussion and possibly argument, etc., before the next fixture came along. They had a whole week of matches, which had ended in "all square."

To himself the true value of these matches was not a matter of wins or losses, and he did not think anyone particularly cared whether Hong Kong, Manila, or Shanghai won or not. The territorial antagonism was only an excuse for further fixtures next year.

The true value of the whole idea was in collecting the best sides and the best standards, etc., and if they could add good weather (which Hong Kong had been unable to do on this occasion), and a good course (which he thought Hong Kong had been able to do), he thought they had the all-important features.

In conclusion, the Chairman welcomed the visiting teams and visitors, and thanked them for contributing to the good time and the good fellowship.

In submitting the toast, the Chairman coupled with it the names of Mr. Budd (Shanghai) and Mr. Mason (Manila). They hoped to welcome the respective teams again in Hong Kong in the future. (Applause.)

The toasts were accorded with musical honours.

Mr. T. D. E. Pendered (Captain of the Hong Kong team) supported the Captain's remarks.

For Shanghai.

Mr. M. W. Budd, on behalf of the Shanghai team, thanked Hong Kong for the wonderful time provided the visiting teams, and remarked that as regards Shanghai, they always looked forward to the trip to Hong Kong, especially as they had such a splendid course to play on. Mr. Budd congratulated the Manila team on beating Shanghai. He understood that Hong Kong were visiting Shanghai next October, and Shanghai golfers would be very glad to welcome the Manila golfers there as well, if they could manage to come so far.

For Manila.

Replying for Manila, Mr. Jolly said this was the first time that Manila would return to the Philippines with a victory against Shanghai to their credit. Had the weather been a little better on Sunday they might have done a little better against Hong Kong. He would not like to say they would have won, but they might have done better than they did. (Laughter and applause.)

On behalf of the Manila team, he thanked Hong Kong for the good time they had spent in the Colony. A capital musical programme was greatly enjoyed.

INTERPORT TEAMS.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING.

The Interport soccer and rugby football teams are due back this morning from Shanghai on the President Madison. They were due yesterday, but the liner was delayed. The Shanghai Interport Golf team left for Shanghai at five o'clock this morning (Tuesday) on the President Cleveland, and the Manila team leave here on the President Madison.



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Sat. 4th:— Point-to-Point, Lok Ma Chau, at 11 a.m.	Wed. 12th:— Meet at Souza's Bungalow, at 2.45 p.m.
Wed. 8th:— Meet at Souza's Bungalow, at 2.45 p.m.	Sat. 11th:— Hunt Ride, Hunters' Arms, at 2.30 p.m.
Sat. 11th:— Meet at Sheung Shui, at 7 a.m.	Wed. 15th:— Jockey Club Race Meeting—Happy Valley.
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BOXING.

UCZCUDUN KNOCKS OUT ROJAS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 30th.
In a 15 rounds bout for the Latin-American heavyweight championship, Paulino Uzcudun knocked out the Mexican, Romero Rojas.

THE WARATAHS TOUR COMPLETED.

VISIT "ONE OF THE TONICS OF THE SEASON."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 29th.
The New South Wales team completed their tour with the second meeting with London, at Twickenham, the game for the second time ending in a pointless draw.

The tour in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, embraced 23 matches, and of these, the Waratahs won 22, lost 4, and drew 2.

In international engagements, England and Scotland won victories against them, but they beat Ireland, Wales and France.

The Observer says they have played throughout the tour in the best spirit and their visit has been one of the tonics of the season. Other papers pay similar tributes.

"THE AMAZONS" AT BISLEY.

SHOOTING CONTEST ONLY FOR WOMEN.

A rifle shooting competition exclusively for women is one of the new features in this year's programme of the Imperial Rifle meeting at Bisley. It is called "The Amazons," and in order to encourage entrants it is to be restricted to those who have never won a prize with any class of rifle at an N.R.A. meeting.

A condition peculiar to the event is that sporting rifles will be used. The first prize is offered by the Duke of Montrose.

Many women compete with the small-bore, and some half-dozen have done moderately well with the Service (S.M.L.E.) rifle at Bisley. It is hoped that the use of the sporting rifle (a lighter arm than that used in the Service) will induce the "miniature" as well as "Service" competitors to enter for this interesting event.

END OF THE POPE'S COACHES.

It is announced that from tomorrow all horse-drawn vehicles belonging to the Vatican will be replaced by motor vehicles.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that owing to Outbreak of Fire which occurred on Board S.S. "KANGOOON MARU" on 21st JANUARY, 1928, at OMAKA, it has been decided to form a General Average and the Deposit for Contribution thereto has been fixed at Fifteen (15) Per Cent. Adjustment will be made by the JAPAN AVERAGE ADJUSTMENT OFFICE, Tokyo, Japan. Round Cargo destined to Hong Kong will arrive by S.S. "PENANG MARU" due here on or about 3rd FEBRUARY and will be delivered to the Consignees against their Signing the General Average Bond and Depositing with us Fifteen (15) Per Cent. of the Net Market Value of the Cargo on arrival at Hong Kong, or producing Letter of Guarantee signed by Reliable Underwriters agreeing to pay the Contribution towards General Average.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
[5830]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Steamer "NINGHONG"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, where it will be at the Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godown. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 30th January, 1928.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to the arrival of the Steamer, and from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th February, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th February, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

30th January, 1928. [5828]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD. COPENHAGEN.

THE Motor Vessel "JAVANA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where Delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th February, 1928, 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the 4th February, 1928, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 6th February, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 30th Jan., 1928. [5831]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 30th.

Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 3 p.m.
Barometer...	29.93	30.11	30.06
Temperature...	60	60	63
Humidity...	75	93	86
Wind...	N	N	N
Direction...	N	N	N
Force...	8	2	2
Weather...	O	OD	O
Pain...	0.17		0.24

Highest open-air Temperature, 29.1; 64
Lowest open-air Temperature, 26th: 49

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 31st to Feb. 6th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day	Date	High Water	Low Water
Tues.	31	4.46	4.6
Wed.	1	4.28	4.2
Thurs.	2	4.15	4.1
Fri.	3	4.02	4.0
Sat.	4	3.49	3.4
Sun.	5	3.37	3.3
Mon.	6	3.24	3.2

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M.V. "VIMINALE" ... Sails hence on/or about 7th Feb.
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S.S. "HAYENSTEIN" ...	due here on or about the 17th Mar.
S.S. "SCHEER" ...	due here on or about the 15th Mar.
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* S.S. "OLDENBURG" ...	... sailing from here on or about the 16th Feb.
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* T.S. "SAARLAND" ...	... sailing from here on or about the 13th Mar.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "JAPANESE PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 29th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 6th February, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 6th February, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (P&F) LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Cornhill Road.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1928. [5827]

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The Steamship "BENLEDI"

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Feb., 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th Feb., 1928, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd Feb., 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.

Hong Kong, 27th Jan., 1928. [5821]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW" On 31st Jan.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN" On 1st Feb.	7 a.m.
SAIGON	"KIUKIANG" On 1st Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" On 2nd Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI		
SWATOW		
SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" On 3rd Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZCHUEN" On 4th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & SHANGHAI	"TEAN" On 4th Feb.	Noon
BANGKOK	"CHINESE" On 4th Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LIANGCHOW" On 5th Feb.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW" On 5th Feb.	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"IOHANG" On 6th Feb.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH" On 8th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NEUCHOW" On 8th Feb.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOJOH" On 11th Feb.	7 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & SHANGHAI	"LINAN" On 11th Feb.	Noon
AMOY, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN" On 12th Feb.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" On 12th Feb.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEIHO" On 15th Feb.	4 p.m.

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S.S. "LYOON"	Via Suez Canal	24th March
S.S. "CITY OF ADELAIDE"	Via Suez Canal	23rd March
S.S. "RHESUS"	Via Suez Canal	6th April
S.S. "CITY OF DUNKERQUE"	Via Suez Canal	20th April

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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

January 29th.
Chung Hing, Chinese str., 240 tons, Capt. Leung Raining, from Kwong Chow, with a general cargo, lying at Saigon Wharf.—Hong On S.S. Co.
Taile, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Bangkok, which port she left on January 21st, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 60.—Kin Cheong Lee.
January 30th.
Bintang, Dutch str., 4,090 tons, Capt. J. B. Brookman, from Amsterdam, with a general cargo, lying at Wanchai.—J.C.F.L.
Chingyo Maru, Japanese str., 5,358 tons, Capt. K. Ishimaru, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Ginjo Maru, Japanese str., 6,118 tons, Capt. P. Pakachi, from Valparaiso and Nagasaki. The latter port she left on January 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Y.Y.K.
Ningchow, British str., 9,037 tons, Capt. H. E. Beale, from Liverpool, which port she left on December 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
President Cleveland, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. G. W. Yardley, from Manila, which port she left on January 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.
Sinking, British str., 1,818 tons, Capt. J. Ginnon, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 60.—B. & S.
Taikwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,994 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Keelung and Swatow, with coal and general cargo, lying at buoy No. 69.—O.S.K.

CLEARANCES.

January 30th.
Chicago Maru, for Singapore.
Hermes, for Bangkok.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kalgan, for Swatow.
Kia, for Swatow.
Kuei Sang, for Kobe.
Vingchen, for Shanghai.
President Cleveland, for Shanghai.
Sinking, for Amoy.
Tat Hong, for Macao.
Tatamba, for Moji.
Tong Lee, for Canton.
Vukuan, for Swatow.
Yei Jun Maru, for Tsingtao.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, on her round the world cruise, arrived at Batavia on Monday at 7 a.m. She is due to leave to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m., and is expected at Singapore on Thursday at 8 a.m.
The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Nagasaki yesterday, and is due at Kobe to-day (Tuesday) at noon.
The P. & O. s.s. *Maecenia* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 29th inst. at 10 a.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on Thursday, the 2nd prox., at about 4 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. *Kilderporer* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 29th inst. at 3 p.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on Friday, the 3rd prox., at about 3 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. *Khiva* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 28th inst. at 9 a.m., with the outward mails, and is due here on Thursday, the 2nd prox., at about 6 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar*, from Hong Kong, arrived at London on January 28th, at 8 a.m.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
Per s.s. *President Cleveland*, from Manila, on January 30th:—Mr. Edwin Butler, Mr. G. Leon Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Vico de Villa, Mr. G. Duhamel, Mr. Aley C. Freeman, Mr. Gregoria Gotanco, Mr. Nancy M. Gregory, Mr. Frank Gregory, Mr. Robert J. Harrison, Mr. Albert E. Kew, Mr. Gregorio Linceo, Mr. Lopez Jim Sico, Mr. Mariano D. Linceo, Helen Pond, Esther M. Plumb, Mrs. B. Z. de Ronaldez, Mr. Henry H. Reid, Mrs. Margaret Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reynolds, Mr. Lin Sico, Mr. Raymond Lanetot, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Tolmie, Mr. Charles Thwaite, Mrs. Vera F. Barnshaw, Mrs. Ray Bearwald, Mr. S. Curtis, Mr. Mawa Banji, Mrs. C. Brown, Major J. A. Bache, Dorothy Bache, Mr. Thomas Bache, Mrs. J. A. Bache, Mr. Stewart C. Carr, Mr. Randolph A. Crossley, Mr. J. B. Del Castillo, Mrs. T. M. Green, Mr. William Gillies, Mrs. Edith A. Gillies, Mr. T. M. Gilmer, Mr. Henry F. Hennerlate, Misses Jordan, Mr. Harry D. Kneidler, Mr. Juan Landahl, Mr. Louis A. Munsey, Anna Hamilton Meade, Mr. Bolivar V. Meade, Mr. Norton L. Miller, Mr. Thomas McDowell, Mr. Ralph F. Mordes, Mr. Josiah Quimbao, Candela Maria Quimbao, Margaret S. Peters, Mrs. M. R. Peters, Mr. F. V. Reilly, Alice J. Sullivan, Mr. George C. Sullivan, Mr. Karl R. Stengel, Annie M. Stengel, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sage, Mr. Franklin G. Fowler, Mr. Yoshiro Yakeda, Mr. Rikihiko Fuyube, Mr. William Wolff, Mr. Francis V. Walker.
Departures.
Per s.s. *Huriana Maru*, for London via ports, on January 28th:—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moss, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. S. Okamoto, Mr. R. S. Kercani, Mr. N. Takata, Mr. Tanaka, Mrs. T. Tano, Mr. T. Moriyama, Mr. S. Miyagawa, Mrs. A. Cametti, Mrs. C. M. Bain, Mr. R. Aoyagi, Mr. Takahashi, Mrs. A. Coici, Mrs. H. Yamazaki, Mr. K. Aoki, Mr. K. Shiraiishi, Mr. B. Aoki, Mr. G. Okano, Mr. H. Shimizu, Mr. S. Chiba, Mr. K. Tsunagami, Mrs. Lung, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Fujiwara, Mr. T. Kitani, Mr. K. Hirahara, Mr. R. Tsutsumi, Miss L. Smart, Master B. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. J. Selles, Mr. K. Yokoji, Mr. Yamada, Mr. K. Hirano, Mr. J. Aoki, Mr. K. Hata, Mr. T. Uno, Mr. S. Yokoyama, Mr. K. Uto, Mr. Y. Yoshida, Mr. A. Yamaji, Mr. S. Onoda, Mr. S. Takagi, Mr. S. Ishii, Mr. K. Yamamoto, Mr. T. Suzuki, Mr. K. Katoh, Mr. T. Wallace, Mr. S. Wallace, Mr. H. Kurihara, Mr. Koide, Mr. Matsuo, Mr. H. Itoh, Mr. K. Tanaka, Mr. J. Katoh, Mr. A. Katoh, Mr. H. Araki, Mr. N. Suzuki, Mr. Chu Siu Wah, Mrs. Y. Harada, Master Harada, Miss A. Harada, Miss K. Shiraiishi, Mrs. N. M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. L. Vidal, Mr. A. Kobata, Mr. S. Higuchi, Mr. J. Aiura, Mr. K. Himuro, Mr. Y. Kawakatsu, Mr. R. Yamana, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Divers, Mrs. F. Sachs, Miss Laura D. Ward, Mr. E. Ikeda, Mr. T. Nakai, Mr. S. Ichimura, Mr. S. Yamasaki, Mr. Sennett, Mr. G. Okubo, Miss Martha Graff, Mr. P. Varin, Mr. N. Macdonald, Mr. P. Hansen, Mr. O. Olsen, Mr. Gjeri S. Olsen, Mr. H. Henriksen, Mr. K. Nakano, Mr. P. Starr, Mr. S. Matsubara, Mr. C. Lichner, Mr. G. Kashwaka, Mr. T. Noda, Mr. D. Uno, Mr. T. Fujita, Mr. K. Satoh, Miss Elsie Rick, Miss Enla Eno, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Chimoto, Mr. G. Mead, Mr. K. Tani, Mr. T. Kajima, Mr. K. Yugi, and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Graffe.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS

To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG" "CHAKSANG" "KWAISANG"	Wed., 1st Feb., at 7 a.m. Sun., 5th Feb., at 7 a.m. Wed., 8th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"CHIPSING" "CHEUNGSHING"	Wed., 1st Feb., at 5 p.m. Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Mon., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Fri., 3rd Feb., at 4 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG" "KUMSANG"	Thurs., 2nd Feb., at 3 p.m. Wed., 8th Feb., at 3 p.m. Sun., 12th Feb., at 3 p.m.
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Motor Vessel "GLENAPF"	7th February
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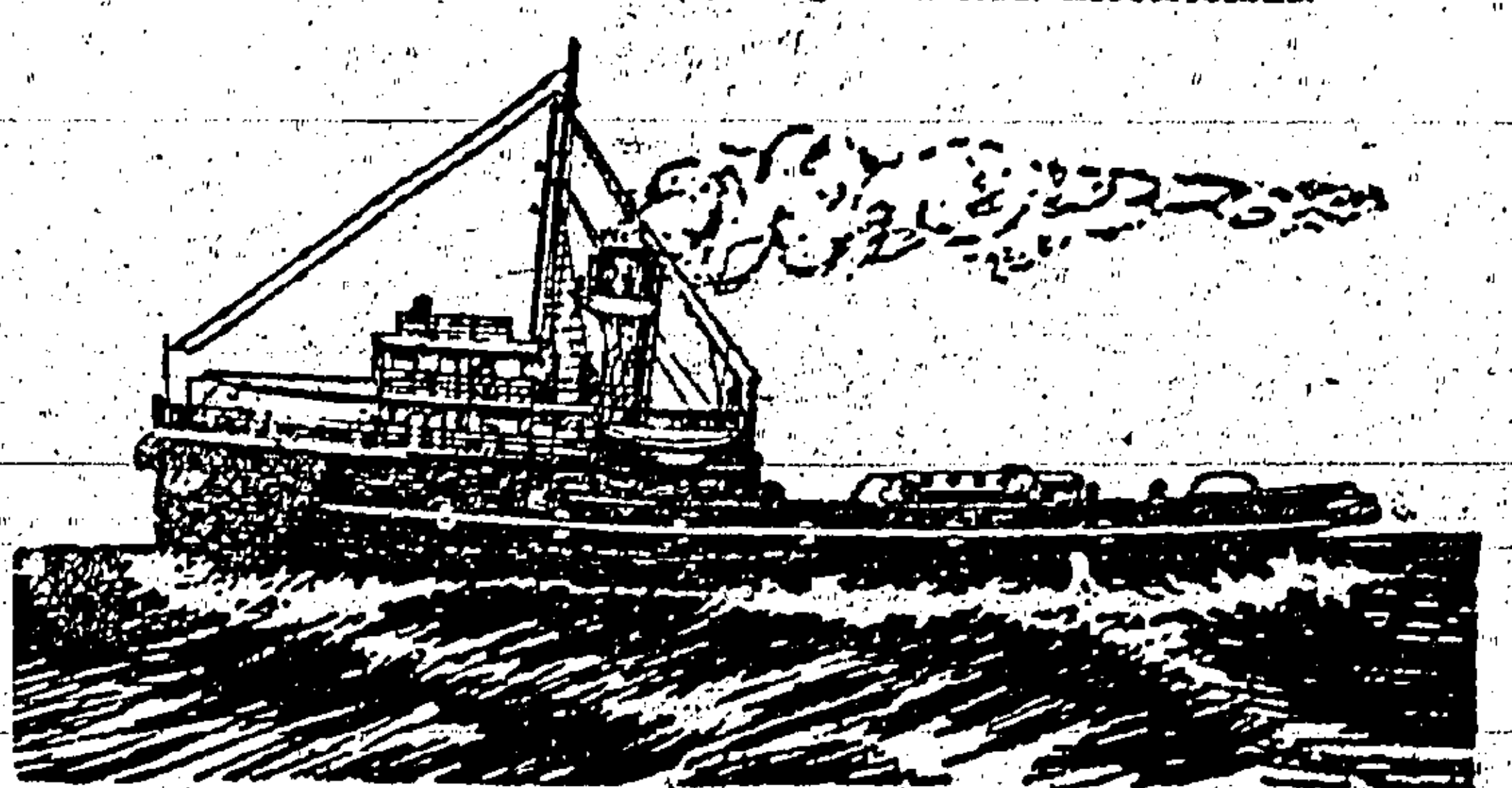
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LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.

KAMO MARU Saturday, 11th Feb.

KATOKI MARU Saturday, 25th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd Mar.

TAMBA MARU Wednesday, 21st Mar.

ROMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SEIYO MARU Wednesday, 1st Feb.

OSAKA MARU Monday, 5th Feb.

TAMBA MARU Saturday, 11th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU Monday, 5th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th Feb.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 8th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DELAGO MARU (Calls Saigon) Thursday, 9th Feb.

CALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

PENANG MARU Saturday, 4th Feb.

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AKI MARU Friday, 17th Feb.

SHANGHAI KOFU & YOKOHAMA.

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M.S. "Australia"	14th February	25th March
M.S. "Asia"	25th February	5th April
M.S. "Africa"	25th March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya"	15th April	27th May
M.S. "Danmark"	25th May	30th June

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

POOR CARGO AND FEWER ARRIVALS.

NO IMPORTS FROM BRITISH SHIPS.

Only five vessels arrived here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and freights both for the Colony and ports beyond were considerably below average. Among the arrivals, there was only one British ship, which did not bring any cargo for this port.

For Hong Kong there were only 1,017 tons unloaded, and these were contributed by three foreign steamers. The only four-figure return was shown by the s.s. *Chicago Maru*, which arrived from Osaka and Moji with 1,101 tons of general merchandise.

Through freights amounted to 2,993 tons, with only 200 tons on one British ship. The two best returns were 2,900 tons and 1,583 tons. The former were on the manifest of the Chinese vessel *Tai Lee* from Bangkok and the latter by the s.s. *Chicago Maru* from Osaka and Moji.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:-

	Arr.	Dep.
British	1	4
Chinese	2	3
Japanese	2	2
American	0	1
Total	5	10

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Madison, to-day.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Changte, Feb. 7th.

Tasping, Mar. 9th.

Bank Line.

City of Benares, Feb. 12th.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.

City of Durban, March 16th.

City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.

City of Bombay, April 4th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Cardiff, April 14th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Philippines, Feb. 5th.

Zanthia, Feb. 9th.

Cobena, Feb. 13th.

Autolya, Feb. 16th.

Achilles, Feb. 20th.

Polyphemus, Feb. 28th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchas, March 10th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 16th.

Mithras, Mar. 18th.

Teiresias, Mar. 18th.

Meneclaus, Mar. 22nd.

Eurycleus, Mar. 27th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Protesilaus, April 10th.

Phemius, April 11th.

Agamemnon, April 15th.

Laomedon, April 24th.

British India and Apcar Line.

Tilawa, Feb. 9th.

Takada, Feb. 10th.

Takama, Feb. 13th.

Takamba, Feb. 24th.

Takliwa, Feb. 28th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Australia, Feb. 10th.

Dodwell & Co.

Bapulino, Feb. 2nd.

Rimola, March 1st.

Tugela, March 5th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Australia, Feb. 14th.

Asia, Feb. 25th.

Africa, Mar. 28th.

Malaya, April 15th.

Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tanda, Feb. 6th.

St. Alban, Mar. 5th.

Anafura, April 2nd.

Glen Line.

Glenada, to-morrow.

Glenapp, Feb. 7th.

Glenluce, Feb. 25th.

Carmarthenshire, March 5th.

Glenagarry, March 10th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Stinnes Linsen.

Saarland, Feb. 5th.

Holland, Feb. 20th.

Evil Kirdor, Feb. 28th.

Havenstein, March 7th.

Seher, Mar. 12th.

Carl Legion, March 23rd.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tijudua, to-day.

Tijikembang, Feb. 2nd.

Tijikundari, Feb. 6th.

Tijikwang, Feb. 13th.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

[ST. LOUIS SHIPMAN.]

Five cases were heard at the Marine Court yesterday morning before Commander G. F. Hole. Three Chinese were sentenced to one month's hard labour each and the others were fined from \$10 to \$15.

The sentences of imprisonment were imposed on three men, said to be unemployed, who had boarded the s.s. *President Wilson* without permission from the ship's officers. Inspector Brown of the Water Police pressed for imprisonment on the ground that such offence was getting too numerous. His Worship imposed sentences as stated above.

The coxswains of the motor boat *Jadestone* and the steam launch *Hotel Savoy* were charged with being alongside the s.s. *Empress of Canada* abreast of two other craft.

An officer of the *Empress* liner said that the *Hotel Savoy* was called there to take some passengers off and that when she came alongside, there were other vessels there.

In view of this statement, his Worship dismissed both defendants with a caution.

For committing a breach of the fairway regulations, the coxswain of the s.s. *Moowatker* No. 7 was fined \$10.

Sailing the harbour at night without exhibiting regulation lights cost the master of a trading junk \$15.

Another Would-be Suicide.

As the result of some matting catching fire on board her craft, a sampan woman named Ko Mun was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from Shaukiwan suffering from injuries to her face. The fire was extinguished, and the sampan was only slightly damaged.

Mating On Fire.

A Chinese named Fung Yuk (28) living at No. 254, Main Street, Saiwanho, was on Sunday removed to the Government Civil Hospital as the result of attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. He was rescued by the crew of a motor boat owned by the Wo Sang Company.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

There were only 20 Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. These were brought by only two vessels.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were: *Wall Basin, Ambrose, Kharbi, South Wall Basin, S/Ms. L.5, L.19; East Wall Basin, Cicada, Gannet, Petrel; North Arm, Titania, S/Ms. L.1, L.3, L.7, L.8, L.20; West Wall Dock, Marazion; In Dock, Herald, S/Ms. L.4, L.27; No. 1 Buoy, Argus; No. 3 Buoy, Wolverine; No. 4 Buoy, Iroquois; No. 5 Buoy, Seraph; No. 7 Buoy, Sepoy; No. 9 Buoy, Hollyhock; No. 11 Buoy, Bluebell; No. 13 Buoy, Seraph; Sirdar; No. 18 Buoy, Ruthenia; No. 20 Buoy, Fortol, Belgol.*

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MELBURN	9,653	25th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
MIDDLEBURY	9,654	25th Feb.	Straits and Bombay.
Macedonia	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
KALYA	9,136	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
KASHMIR	9,655	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hall.
KARMA	9,125	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
MANU	10,948	31st Mar.	do.
KALYA	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
MONGOLIA	13,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
NAPOLEON	9,283	21st April	do.
MOSE	10,983	28th April	do.
KASHMIR	9,656	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
KASHMIR	9,618	19th May	Marseilles and London.
MALWA	10,988	26th May	do.
DETANHA	9,155	6th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
NOVORA	9,689	16th June	Marseilles and London.
Macedonia	11,120	23rd June	do.
KASHMIR	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
NANKIN	7,053	14th July	Marseilles and London.
KASHMIR	10,988	21st July	do.
KASHMIR	9,653	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
HARPUTANA	16,568	18th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
KALYA	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
MALWA	10,988	15th Sept.	Marseilles and London.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 1st Jan. & parcels, 2nd Dec. 1927)	Per Madison	31st Jan.
STRAITS	Per Madison	31st Jan.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Per Madison	31st Jan.
STRAITS	Per Madison	31st Jan.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Per Madison	31st Jan.
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MANILA	Per Madison	31st Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & S. Africa	Chicago Maru	Tuesday, 31st
Bangkok	Kiangchow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Bintang	1.00 p.m.
Singapore, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Suez (letters & papers, London, 1st Jan. & parcels, 2nd Dec. 1927)	Angers	1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sak	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Ningchow	1.30 p.m.
Manila	Per Madison	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Yuanan	1.30 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taiwan Maru	Wednesday, 1st
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Hermad	8.30 a.m.
Singapore	Kiukiang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Chipsang	1.30 p.m.
Straits	Van Heule	Thursday, 2nd
Straits and Calcutta	Namang	1.00 p.m.
Japan	Chino	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Macedonia	Friday, 3rd
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Yuanan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Chipsang	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Kiukiang	8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Suez (letters & papers, London, 1st Jan. & parcels, 2nd Dec. 1927)	Malacca	Friday, 3rd
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaio Maru	Sunday, 5th
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tuesday, 7th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Suez (letters & papers, London, 1st Jan. & parcels, 2nd Dec. 1927)	Perseus	Wednesday, 8th
Gandaria	Mausang	Wednesday, 8th
Shanghai	Emp. of Australia	Monday, 13th
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island (Thursday Island, 24th February)	Changie	Monday, 13th

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J. R. GEORGE,
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 C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
 7, Queen's Road Central.
 Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29]

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